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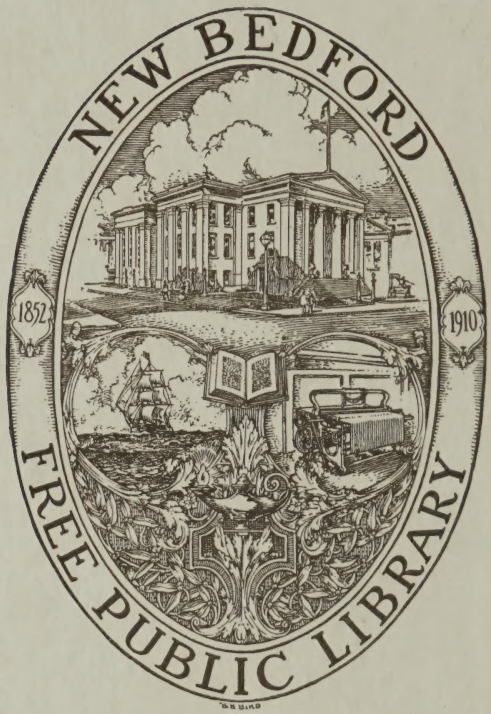
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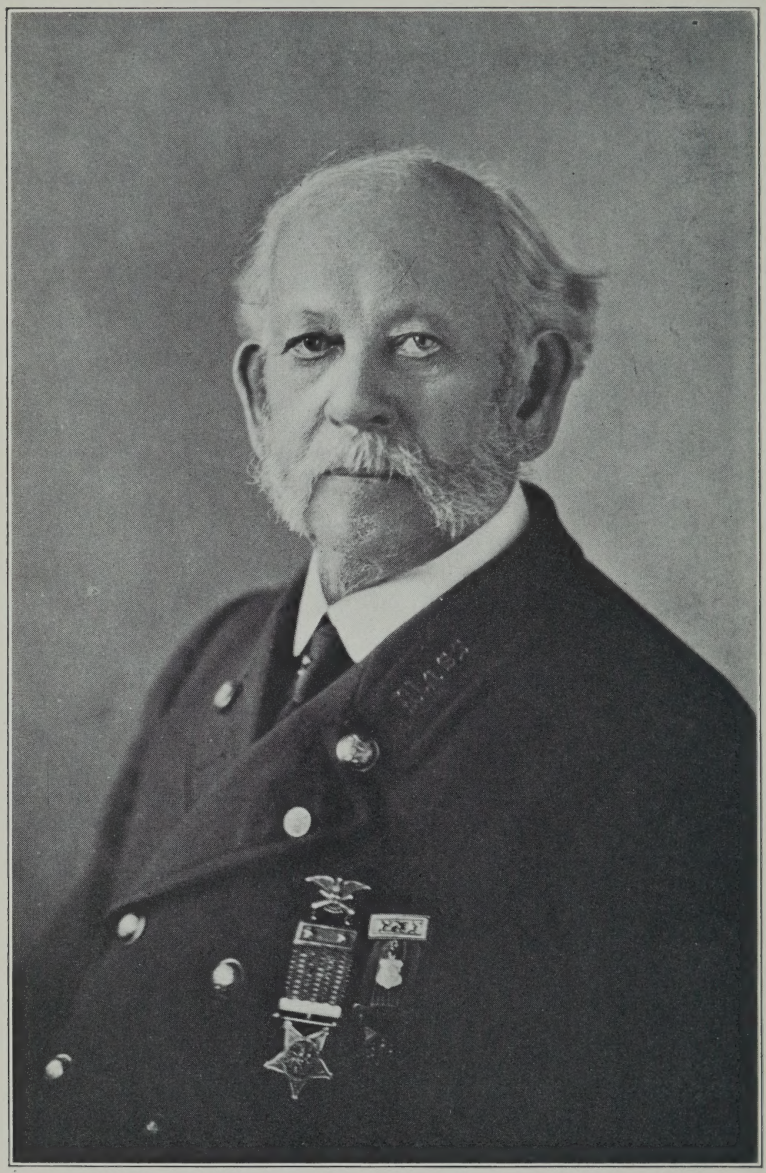

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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

1923-1924

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OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R.

GARDNER HALL, BOSTON, April 8th, 1924.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, met in Gardner Hall, State House on Tuesday, April 8th in accordance with General Orders of the Department. The encampment was called to order at 10.30 A.M. by Department Commander George W. Pratt.

Guard duty was performed as follows, Officer of the Day Andrew McGinnes assisted by the following comrades:

John A. Parsons, Post 156.
Peter F. Munroe, Post 156.
J. L. Nickerson, Post 156.
W. Towle, Post 156.
George H. Lewis, Post 40.
W. G. Whitney, Post 200.
A. C. Ambler, Post 63.
George H. Averill, Post 36.
G. L. Moore, Post 4.
G. L. Hall, Post 2.

Commander: "Are the approaches to this Encampment properly guarded?"
Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."
Commander: "Are all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic?"
Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."
Commander: "Comrades this is the Fifty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. We meet in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. May our hearts unite in sustaining the great objects of this assembly. The Chaplain will invoke divine assistance."
Chaplain George W. Nead, Post 169: "Just a moment of silence in recognition of the Comrades that have passed away during the past year." (Silence for a brief space of time.)

"God of the grand army of the nation and of all mankind, we veterans of the Civil War thank Thee this morning that many of us are able and privileged to meet here in this our fifty-eighth annual Department Encampment.

"We thank Thee for the help Thou hast given unto us; some of us raised up from beds of sickness, we thank Thee that we are able to be here.

"We pray Thee, O God, that Thou wilt bless the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic. We thank Thee for this place where we meet; it seems to us as though the very walls cry out, 'Welcome, Grand Army men, welcome to you again. You have fought your country's battle and you have won the victory, to the end that the nation has been preserved, that slaves have been made free, and the nation itself has been given a place of prominence among the nations of the earth; and you have given the nation an emblem which stands for more, for liberty and justice and equality and uplift of mankind than any other national emblem.'

"We thank Thee that since the war of 1861 and 1865 the Grand Army men have made good in all the callings of life, whether executives of the nation, governors of the states, or in professional life or in any calling; we thank Thee that they have made good home makers — so important in national welfare.

"O God, what a privilege it is for us to greet one another, look into each other's faces and say, 'How glad I am to see you, comrades, that have shared our blankets

and tents together, marched and fought in all kinds of weather, and drank from the same canteen.'

"God bless our allied orders, — the Woman's Relief Corps; those noble women who have worked so hard and faithfully for us — God bless them and prosper them. The Sons of Veterans and their allied order the Auxiliary; and the Daughters of Veterans, The Ladies of the G. A. R., the Nurse's Association — God bless them too; what a noble band they are working together for the welfare of the Grand Army.

"We pray Thee O God to bless the Soldiers' Home. We thank Thee we have such places, such homes, for our comrades where they can go and be comfortable and be contented, and their last days made their best days. For the John A. Andrew Home we thank Thee; that husband and wife need not be separated but live together to the end.

"We pray Thee O God that Thou wilt bless our Post associates; we thank Thee for so many men coming forward today and saying to us, 'We will do all we can to help you — just call on us and we will support you.'

"Bless our National Encampment which is soon to come to Boston; we pray Thee to make it a credit to the Grand Army, and that many comrades will be able to come from different parts of the country, and it may be a joy to Boston that they have invited the encampments to meet here once more.

"And as we pursue our marches by day and by night, O God, we pray Thee to help us as comrades to keep in step together and to touch elbows; and when the bugle blows on the everlasting shores which calls us to be mustered out, may we respond — 'Ready, O Thou Commander-in-Chief, receive us to the promotion of joy and glory and eternal triumph.' We ask it in Thy great Name. Amen."

Commander: "Comrades, attention. I declare this encampment now open in due form."

Asst. Q'rmaster-Gen. Wetherbee: "I want to say a word in regard to the difference in the General Orders and your Credential Cards. The latter were printed and sent out before we knew that we could not have Faneuil Hall. No one is to blame except the city of Boston for starting its repairs before we got around."

ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1924.

[Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk, thus, *, were present.]

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Commander	*George W. Pratt.
Senior Vice-Commander	*Benjamin A. Ham.
Junior Vice-Commander	*William L. Gage.
Medical Director	Henry O. Marcy.
Chaplain	*George W. Nead.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant-General	*Eben W. Pike.
Assistant Quartermaster-General	*Wilfred A. Wetherbee.
Inspector	*James McElroy.
Judge Advocate	Herbert C. Joyner.
Chief Mustering Officer	*Charles B. Yeaton.
Patriotic Instructor	*Charles H. Almeder.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*D. W. Hammond. *Albert Fitzemeyer.
*Henry Whittemore. *Rupert J. Chute.
*Charles E. Morey.

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*John D. Billings.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee.
*J. Payson Bradley.
*George W. Wilder.
*Edwin P. Stanley.
*Horace Goodwin.
*George E. Hosley.
*Thomas J. Ames.
*John M. Woods.
*Alfred H. Knowles.
Daniel E. Denny.
*Edwin F. Morrill.
*Henry Clark.

Past Department Junior Vice-Commander . . George M. Fiske.
Headquarters' Clerk . . . . . *George A. Dietz.

POSTS.

Wm. Logan Rodman Post 1, New Bedford.

Commander, Nahum F. Nickelson.
S. V. C., *John H. Lawrence. J. V. C., *John J. Holmes.

Representatives.
*Thos. Shea.
*Jerry Robetoye.

Alternates.
Geo. R. Nixon.
*Henry W. Clare.
*George H. Carpenter.

Past Commanders.
Andrew J. Smith. Henry Slosson.

Dahlgren Post 2, South Boston.

Commander, *L. K. Marston.
S. V. C., *Frederick Whitney. J. V. C., *E. A. Cutter.

Representative.
*Edward E. Brown.

Alternate.
*Jas. Crowley.

Past Commanders.
George L. Hall.
T. J. White.
S. Herbert Appleton.
Henry Newman.
J. Irving Goss.
Joseph W. Batchelder.
B. M. Campbell.
Wm. H. Whitney.
James H. Green.
John B. Simonds.
James H. Toomoth.

Wm. H. Bartlett Post 3, Taunton.

Commander, *Oscar A. Hillard.
S. V. C., *Edward Gilroy. J. V. C., *R. H. Babbitt.

Representatives.
Clark P. Borden.
*H. W. Francis.
*G. T. Briggs.

Alternates.
D. M. Dwight.
E. W. Harlow.
T. L. Smith.

Past Commanders.
*Franklin Bosworth.
*John C. Chase.
James Glover.
*Harry N. Hopkins.
George F. Read.
Henry D. White.
Silas W. Wood.

U. S. Grant Post 4, Melrose.

Commander, *Chas. L. Moore.

S. V. C., *W. H. Chamberlain. J. V. C., *Sherman Lynde.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*W. R. Dempsey.	—— ——

Past Commanders.

R. D. Kilgore. C. L. Robinson.
*Fred W. Carson. F. K. Stratton.
*Joseph Wiggin.

General Lander Post 5, Lynn.

Commander, *A. P. B. Kelly.

S. V. C., *C. H. Brackett. J. V. C., *W. F. Dodge.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Alexander S. Wright.	J. R. Lowd.
*F. E. Sprague.	J. E. Tarbox.
*J. Nickerson.	G. M. Pike.
*Eugene M. Libbey.	S. S. Leaves.
*D. H. Steingardt.	L. F. Granger.
*John Nickerson.	R. Johnson.
*Jno. Chamberlain.	A. W. Terrill.
*George E. Dow.	B. R. Newhall.
C. H. Clasby.	—— ——
H. C. Mears.	—— ——

Past Commanders.

Cyrus A. Chadwell. *T. H. Feltor.
George C. Neal. C. M. Sprague.
David Walker. *Emory E. Larrabee.
Thomas M. Burckes. Josiah R. Lee.
George W. Bulfinch. C. H. Gilman.
William P. Conway. R. E. Redman.

P. T. Wyman Post 6, Holliston.

Commander, *George B. Russell.

S. V. C., J. B. Wiley. J. V. C., J. Cunningham.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	—— ——

Past Commanders.

Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, Boston.

Commander, *Charles O. Newell.

S. V. C., *A. L. Pool. J. V. C., *Joseph Baxter.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*W. Bickford.	F. M. Fernandez.
H. L. Howland.	Chas. Rosenall.
Henry A. Bonnell.	Levi Lester.

Past Commanders.

*John B. McDonough. *George L. Spencer.

F. W. Pierce Post 8, Middleborough.

Commander, *Alvin C. Howes.

S. V. C., *L. M. Fuller. J. V. C., Grover Bennett.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*H. H. Bennett.	C. C. Smith.
*C. H. Maxim.	A. O. Varney.

Past Commanders.

*W. H. Smith.	A. P. Vaughn.
E. E. Place.	Geo. B. Leonard.

Reno Post 9, Hudson.

Commander, C. A. Hearsey.

S. V. C., G. W. Swaney. J. V. C., F. E. Emery.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	Danl. D. Rose.

Past Commanders.

Rufus Y. Coolidge.	Alvin A. Young.

George H. Ward Post 10, Worcester.

Commander Edward J. Foster.

S. V. C., *Wm. H. Adams. J. V. C., *Chas. R. Ayers.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*E. J. Ryan.	H. S. Ballou.
*Edward P. Ireland.	G. S. Bliss.
*W. S. Halliday.	Thos. Campbell.
*M. M. Putnam.	*Alexander H. Johnson.
*M. D. Gilman.	J. A. Cleveland.
*H. M. Tompkins.	J. F. Knight.
W. H. Vinton.	M. M. Smith.
*Wm. L. Ricker.	L. A. Lamson.
*L. H. Scott.	J. E. Noyes.
*George R. Leland.	F. B. Towle.

Past Commanders.

*Joseph A. Titus.	John Keyes.
*G. A. Blunt.	Henry A. Winn.
C. R. Huntly.	*W. H. Shearman.
*Wm. Lowney.	*Genery T. Darling.
*James Armstrong.	*C. W. Wilson.
George A. Brown.	

Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Charlestown.

Commander, *Joseph F. Stoddard.

S. V. C., *George S. Campbell. J. V. C., Horace A. Bradford.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Phineas P. Pettis.	John Madden.
*J. W. Dennett.	F. E. Knight.

Past Commanders.

Andrew J. Bailey.	I. W. Derby.
*George M. Davis.	*Alvin R. Bailey.
George A. Hosley.	Charles H. Almeder.

Horace M. Warren Post 12, Wakefield.

Commander, *J. Warren Poland.

S. V. C., John F. Shea. J. V. C., *Alfred Brown.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*R. C. Ransom.	—— ——

Past Commanders.

*S. B. Dearborn.
Austin E. Perry.
Chas. E. Evans.
D. W. McHartley.
*Stephen Lufkin.

Fletcher Webster Post 13, Brockton.

Commander, Oliver F. Hayes.

S. V. C., *F. H. Palmer. J. V. C., Carl Bone.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*S. J. Wade.	John King.
*Walter Bunker.	Lloyd Andrews.
*Henry Pratt.	G. W. Bartlett.

Past Commanders.

*George A. Grant.
*J. T. Crawford.
Andrew C. Gibbs.
Seth M. Hall.
John A. Hall.

C. C. Phillips Post 14, Hopkinton.

Commander, *Edwin A. Newton.

S. V. C., Michael F. Danehy. J. V. C., Geo. E. Dailey.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*Sidney H. Whitney.	—— ——

John A. Andrew Post 15, Boston.

Commander, *David King.

S. V. C., *John J. Lyman. J. V. C., Patrick Slane.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Martin Feeney.	Thos. Arbuckle.
*Geo. H. Merrill.	Dennis Driscoll.
*Forest L. Whittredge.	J. A. Sawyer.

Past Commanders.

*Eugene D. Sanborn.
*W. H. Eldridge.
Charles W. Robbins.
David King.
Benjamin F. Briggs.
*James F. Smith.
*Daniel D. Poole.
*John J. Sheehan.
*Frank W. Mead.

E. K. Wilcox Post 16, Springfield.

Commander, *H. H. Hoisington.

S. V. C., *William B. Covill. J. V. C., —— ——

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*W. H. Waterman.	J. E. Stewart.
*Leonard P. Strong.	F. O. Newton.
O. L. Pomeroy.	F. L. Cobb.
*Benjamin R. Franklin.	W. M. Cooley.
*Charles B. Burt.	W. E. Towne.

Past Commanders.

Frank C. Beardsley.	James B. Keene.
James Anderson.	Horace Goodwin.

General Sedgwick Post 17, Orange.

Commander, Edward Baker.

S. V. C., Israel Newton. J. V. C., Charles Mixter.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Arthur F. Slate.	H. W. Kidder.

Past Commanders.

Geo. Moranville.	F. H. Bliss.
Gideon Streeter.	H. L. Spear.

Colonel Prescott Post 18, Ashland.

Commander, Dana Wenzell.

S. V. C., Wm. H. Scott. J. V. C., Williard Watkins.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*Hiram A. Hotchkiss.	H. K. Aldrich.

Edwin Y. Sumner Post 19, Fitchburg.

Commander, *S. J. Thompson.

S. V. C., *O. P. Boss. J. V. C., W. W. Tanner.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Hiram Fuller.	I. G. Kinsman.
*G. C. Jewett.	J. C. Spaulding.
*F. D. Shadwick.	S. S. Balcom.

Past Commanders.

S. G. Cushing.	*A. A. Buxton.
F. A. Alvord.	L. B. Niles.
Henry A. Dickson.	J. A. Hayward.
C. H. Glacier.	S. J. Thompson.
—— ——	A. Connery.

H. S. Greenleaf Post 20, Colrain.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C.,—— ——

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	—— ——

Frederick Hecker Post 21, Boston.

Commander, *Henry Bornstein.

S. V. C., *Leopold Kirchgassner. J. V. C., Chas. Bleiler.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
L. Hindenlang.	—— ——

Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, Milford.

Commander, Chas. E. Brock.

S. V. C., *J. Warren Richardson. J. V. C., William Emery.

Representatives.

Geo. C. Buck.
*Geo. S. Whitney.

Alternates.

W. Chickering.
*Wm. Calahan.

Past Commander.

*Lucius E. Heath.

Joseph Hooker Post 23, East Boston.

Commander, *Joseph Rossiter.

S. V. C., *Asa M. Capen. J. V. C., *Geo. E. Stout.

Representative.

*Joseph A. Wells.

Alternate.

J. C. Whitney.

Past Commanders.

Edward Preble. J. Hiram S. Pearson.
John McNaught.

A. B. R. Sprague Post 24, Grafton.

Commander, Edwin A. Howe.

S. V. C., Wm. Sherry. J. V. C., W. C. Fletcher.

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Past Commander.

William Fletcher.

H. H. Legge Post 25, Uxbridge.

Commander, Stephen Rice.

S. V. C., Henry Moore. J. V. C., James Horton.

Representative.

A. Malachi Bose.

Alternate.

—— ——

Thos. G. Stevenson Post 26, Roxbury.

Commander, Chas. M. Grant.

S. V. C., *G. D. Coburn. J. V. C., *W. M. Neff.

Representatives.

Geo. F. Moses.
*Alva D. Snow.
*T. H. Grinnell.

Alternates.

John H. Clark.
J. H. Albee.
Charles H. Fisher.

Past Commanders.

*Jediah P. Jordan.
*Frank H. Bell.
*James F. Flynn.
Edwin S. Davis.
H. A. Thomas.
*Benjamin Pettee.
*F. E. Trask.
*William A. Copeland.
W. F. Wilder.
*Luther W. Bixby.

Charles Devens Post 27, Oxford.

Commander, Richard H. Murray.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

L. E. Thayer. —— ——

Past Commander.

F. P. H. Rogers Post 29, Waltham.

Commander, Samuel Clark.

S. V. C., *James Beatty. J. V. C., *John A. Gardner.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*Lowell Wellington. Jos. Farnsworth.
*Henry Whittemore. W. H. Bagley.
Edward Brackett. Rosco Williams.

Past Commanders.

Wm. H. Smart Post 30, Cambridge.

Commander, William Gallagher.

S. V. C., *Wm. A. Tarbell. J. V. C., John Jones.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*John F. Murray. J. N. Kellogg.
*J. J. Gilman. C. H. Dugan.

Past Commanders.

John Kinnear. Edwin C. Langley.
*A. Otis Chamberlin. Lorestin Brown.

George W. Perry Post 31, Scituate.

Commander, *E. F. Merritt.

S. V. C., John Towne. J. V. C., *T. F. Bailey.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Milton G. Litchfield. Albert Clapp.

Past Commander.

Washington Post 32, South Boston.

Commander, *John F. Murphy.

S. V. C., *John Weigle. J. V. C., John Healey.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Jere J. Ford. John Hurney.

Burbank Post 33, Woburn.

Commander, W. C. C. Colgate.

S. V. C., A. R. Linscott. J. V. C., Richard Corton.

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

Phil. H. Sheridan Post 34, Salem.

Commander, *Edward H. Pierson.

S. V. C., —— ——

J. V. C., *Ed. Stillman.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
David N. Cook.	Geo. L. Goss.
Charles C. Jewell.	J. Carney.
*William H. Manning.	Edw. Cotton.

Past Commanders.

Almon Allard. — William T. Lander.
*T. H. Burbeck. — *James Arrington.

Theodore Winthrop Post 35, Chelsea.

Commander, Charles B. Yeaton.

S. V. C., *Marcellus A. Purbeck.

J. V. C., *Samuel P. Cutter.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*J. A. Hurlihy.	J. E. Wharton.
*John Dennis.	M. T. Keller.

Past Commanders.

Charles O. Fellows. — *A. A. Nickerson.
*Jeremiah Norris. — *George A. J. Colgan.
Henry Clark. — Alfred H. Knowles.
William A. Gardner.

Francis Gould Post 36, Arlington.

Commander, Geo. H. Averill.

S. V. C., *Chas. P. Kellogg.

J. V. C., *B. F. Wright.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
H. A. Gorham.	John Chard.

Past Commanders.

*Charles S. Parker. — Eben W. Pratt.
Henry Bradley. — *Henry W. Berthong.
*Andrew McGinnes.

F. A. Sterns Post 37, Spencer.

Commander, Robert E. Gibson.

S. V. C., D. Foster Munroe.

J. V. C., Elmer J. Bean.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	—— ——

Past Commanders.

*Charles P. Barton. — Charles A. Boyden.
Charles A. Bacon. — Alvan N. Lamb.
George L. Smith. — Edward L. Jaynes.

Dexter Post 38, Lawrence.

Commander, Charles F. Mullett.

S. V. C., George C. Howe.

J. V. C., Nelson H. Delane.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	—— ——

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Needham Post 39, Lawrence.

Commander, James Morgan.

S. V. C., *Patrick Hogan. J. V. C., Michael McKone.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Moulton Batchelder.	J. F. Brown.
John Bird.	G. W. Brown.

Past Commanders.

James Stanley. Henry A. Webster.
Charles E. Locke. Charles H. Littlefield.

Gen. H. G. Berry Post 40, Malden.

Commander, *Oscar C. Wallace.

S. V. C., F. W. Downs. J. V. C., Chas. A. North.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*F. A. Hodgdon.	Robert Jordan.
*R. G. Bean.	J. H. Adams.
*G. H. Leavens.	J. F. Milliken.

Past Commanders.

George Prouty. C. H. Bennett.
A. G. Brown.

Lyon Post 41, Westfield.

Commander, Edwin B. Smith.

S. V. C., Edw. Bourassa. J. V. C., C. L. Belden.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Manoah E. Andrews.	—— ——

Past Commanders.

Andrew L. Bush. *Cecil E. Bartlett.

B. F. Butler Post 42, Lowell.

Commander, *Arthur McQuaid.

S. V. C., *Nathan G. Lawson. J. V. C., *E. N. Grinnell.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*Thos. Crowley.	R. D. Plumstead.

Past Commanders.

*Dudley L. Page. *Albert Pinder.

John A. Rawlins Post 43, Marlborough.

Commander, *George H. Brigham.

S. V. C., Frank Bean. J. V. C., *John Boggs.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*Lawrence Cavanaugh.	—— ——

Past Commander.

Lafayette Stickney.

G. Wesley Nichols Post 44, Southborough.

Commander, Samuel F. Draper.

S. V. C., Charles S. Parker. J. V. C., James McMahon.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Francis D. Newton.	—— ——

Colonel Allen Post 45, Gloucester.

Commander, Edward G. Winchester.

S. V. C., *John F. Bickford. J. V. C., *Francis Davis.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
*William D. Lufkin.	L. Burnham.

Past Commanders.

Wm. H. Cross. Joseph A. Moore.

Richard Borden Post 46, Fall River.

Commander, *John Gilbert.

S. V. C., J. W. Minikin. J. V. C., *Aug. Bassett.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
Edward Palmer.	William J. Mowry.
*Edward Hague.	Patrick Sullivan.

Past Commanders.

*Edward T. Marvel. *Richard Fleet.

Major How Post 47, Haverhill.

Commander, *A. N. Batchelder.

S. V. C., *Woodbury C. Blye. J. V. C., Smith Lucas.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Leroy Holbrook.	Ira Hurd.
A. G. Morrison.	Marshall Lamb.
W. M. Dresser.	E. Burnham.
*Chas. A. Town.	James R. Gray.

Past Commanders.

Edward B. Savage.	John A. Hurn.
*Daniel W. Hammond.	*Edward G. Frothingham.
*Martin L. Stover.	*H. A. Hitchcock.
George W. Heath.	Oliver S. Hubbard.

Warren F. Pinkham.

George L. Boutwell Post 48, Ayer.

Commander, Wesley O. Hawkes.

S. V. C., *Ellixia D. Martell. J. V. C., Henry Levett.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
—— ——	—— ——

Past Commanders.

J. Everett Wood.	William Jubb.
*Chas. C. Perry.	Francis Lovejoy.
Oliver W. Balcom.	John S. Preston.
Hiram S. Clark.	Henry C. Sherwin.

Daniel H. Dickinson.

A. W. Bartlett Post 49, Newburyport.

Commander, *Orlando F. Hatch.
S. V. C., Patrick F. Donahue. J. V. C., David C. Morrill.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Wm. E. Carlton.	A. M. Little.
Wm. G. Bowen.	John Pondon.
Benj. C. Welch.	Chas. H. Lewis.

Past Commanders.

*Charles S. Noyes.	*Hiram T. Balch.
W. C. Cusick.	Obed W. Greaton.
Thos. W. Cogger.	William O'Brien.
*Joseph C. Richardson.	Samuel Brookings.
James L. Bryant.	Charles A. Grant.

*Jere W. Porter.

Union Post 50, Peabody.

Commander, Edward Q. Moulton.
S. V. C., Franklin Larrabee. J. V. C., Levi C. Hutchinson.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Peter H. Brown.	Walter Curtis.
—— ——	R. E. Smith.

Ezra Bacheller Post 51, North Brookfield.

Commander, George W. Bruce.
S. V. C., A. H. Foster. J. V. C., A. Woodcock.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Alden Gilbert.	Alex. Moreau.

Past Commander.

Sumner Holmes.

A. B. Randall Post 52, Eastondale.

Commander, Nathaniel W. Slocumb.
S. V. C., A. J. Leavitt. J. V. C., G. W. Kolmar.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Irving B. Mowry.	A. Hayward.

Charles H. Stevens Post 53, Leominster.

Commander, *Thomas J. Ames.
S. V. C., *Frank Bourne. J. V. C., *Charles Prew.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
*Alvin Holman.	D. W. Burchstead.
*Chas. F. Staples.	A. R. Babcock.

Past Commanders.

*C. S. Houghton.	H. C. Conant.
Chas. Powers.	*O. J. Putnam.
*C. G. Putney.	*Alvah Heald.

Capt. C. S. Hastings Post 54, Berlin.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Charles Beck Post 56, Cambridge.

Commander, *Francis J. O'Reilly.

S. V. C., *J. P. Prentice. J. V. C., *J. L. Ireland.

Representatives.
Edward Fanning.
—— ——

Alternates.
J. L. Ireland.
Geo. J. Jeffery.

Past Commanders.
*George Rouillard. *H. E. Farrington.
O. S. Brown.

P. Stearns Davis Post 57, East Cambridge.

Commander, Timothy Mahoney.

S. V. C., *Thos. Fessenden. J. V. C., Thos. Burns.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commander.
Bartholomew Kelliher.

Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth.

Commander, *Francis A. Bicknell.

S. V. C., *Michael McGrath. J. V. C., *Geo. S. Hunt.

Representative.
*Maurice Cleary.
—— ——

Alternates.
Chas. W. Howe.
Rufus Turpel.

Past Commanders.
*Geo. E. Bicknell.
*Bradford Hawes.
Waldo Turner.
*Wm. J. Dunbar.
Wm. E. Mitchell.
*Andrew Culley.
David Dunbar.
Wm. A. Drake.
*J. P. Ford.
Jas. T. Pease.

Franklin Post 60, Franklin.

Commander, Anthony Connors.

S. V. C., Albert J. Newell. J. V. C., Chas. O. Green.

Representative.
Charles P. Bram.

Alternate.
S. C. Bowen.

Past Commanders.
*D. W. Corson. Rupert J. Chute.
*J. C. McWilliams.

Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster.

Commander, Michael Schofield.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative.
Henry Phillips.

Alternate.
William Moore.

Past Commanders.

W. N. Leavens.
L. E. Pattison.
E. B. Wakefield.

Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville.

Commander, *J. Coolidge Coffin.

S. V. C.,*Otis W. Gray. J. V. C., *Leonard Boyd.

Representatives.
*Wm. H. Abbott.
*S. A. Langley.

Alternates.
Gould Mantor.
George H. Adams.

Past Commanders.

Geo. H. Osborne.
W. A. Wetherbee.
*Charles W. Sweetland.
*Willard B. Tripp.
*John Flood.
Colon S. Ober.
C. C. Patten.
J. E. Reid.
O. W. Nash.
*Geo. M. Fiske.
John Ryan.
*Valentine Wayland.

General Wadsworth Post 63, Natick.

Commander, *R. J. Fox.

S. V. C., A. C. Ambler. J. V. C., *Daniel Green.

Representative.
*D. C. Felton.

Alternate.
N. E. Hall.

Past Commanders.

E. D. Baker Post 64, Clinton.

Commander, G. S. Gibson.

S. V. C., O. L. Martin. J. V. C., *J. W. Reynolds.

Representative.
Louis L. Stone.

Alternate.
—— ——

S. C. Lawrence Post 66, Medford.

Commander, *Chas. O. Burbank.

S. V. C., I. H. Gardner. J. V. C., M. F. Roberts.

Representatives.
*Thomas Kelly.
*A. R. Reed.

Alternates.
G. H. Russell.
Winslow Joyce.

Past Commanders.

B. P. Lewis.
*Albert Patch.
E. A. Hall.
*G. L. Stokel.

Allen Post 67, Manchester.

Commander, Edwin P. Stanley.

S. V. C., Chas. H. Stone. J. V. C., C. F. Goldsmith.

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commander.

Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester.

Commander, A. A. Chittenden.

S. V. C., Geo. H. Rexford. J. V. C., *Rodney W. Greenleaf.

Representatives.
John P. Barker.
*A. C. H. Laws.

Alternates.
J. L. Hovey.
*S. F. Curran.

Past Commanders.
*Walter E. Swan.
Wm. H. Dupree.
Wallace Kenney.
*Jerome J. Pratt.
W. H. Haddock.

Joseph P. Rice Post 69, Westminster.

Commander, Alonzo D. Wheeler.

S. V. C., Edward Sharon. J. V. C., Hobart Raymond.

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commanders.

George A. Custer Post 70, Millbury.

Commander, Lyman S. Waters.

S. V. C., *Henry A. White. J. V. C., *Henry F. Rice.

Representative.
J. A. Harris.

Alternate. ———

Past Commanders.
James A. Dike.
*Simeon E. King.

Kilpatrick Post 71, Holyoke.

Commander, *William H. Abbott.

S. V. C., Robert B. Corbett. J. V. C., James Gage.

Representatives.
John Stapleton.
Albert Loring.

Alternates.
R. T. Prentiss.
S. V. Fales.

Past Commanders.
E. P. Clark.
*Wm. Brown.

A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton.

Commander, James McElroy.

S. V. C., Wm. M. Blanchard. J. V. C., Wm. J. Lawless.

Representatives.
*Hiram Randall.
*Myron Rounds.

Alternates.
C. A. Miles.
Hugh Curry.

Past Commanders.
George W. Dutton.
M. O. Walker.
G. O. Wentworth.
*E. V. Tyler.

McPherson Post 73, Abington.

Commander, *John F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Henry T. Rochefort. J. V. C., *Harry Edson.

Representative.
*Isaac K. Holmes.

Alternate.
James B. Johnson.

Past Commanders.
Calvin F. Baker.
*Wm. H. Nash.
H. L. Cushing.
Alvin F. Hunter.
*C. W. Howland.

Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland.

Commander, Wm. R. Groce.

S. V. C., *D. C. Witherell. J. V. C., Wm. H. Cate.

Representative.
*Chas. W. Smith.

Alternate.
H. A. Baker.

Past Commanders.
*J. S. Gray.
W. H. Bates.
*J. B. Hersey.
*Lewis Reed.
J. H. Harper.
S. M. Watts.

J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham.

Commander, *James O'Loughlin.

S. V. C., *P. H. Horne. J. V. C., R. F. Davis.

Representative.
*J. C. Hadley.

Alternate.
A. C. Souther.

Past Commanders.
Robert K. Brown.
*Sylvester A. Lawrence.
Samuel C. Trull.
Geo. W. Newhall.

Collingwood Post 76, Plymouth.

Commander, *Willie R. Butters.

S. V. C., Seth L. Holmes. J. V. C., Harry Costa.

Representative.
George Burgess.

Alternate.
Lyman Dixon.

Past Commander.
George Burgess.

Theron P. Hall Post 77, Holden.

Commander, Charles E. Farrar.

S. V. C., A. D. Bascom. J. V. C., James H. Allen.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*H. C. Cheney. —— ——

Past Commander.

G. S. Graham.

David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman.

Commander, *Bela Alden.

S. V. C., *John Lane. J. V. C., Lucius Cook.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*S. F. Eaton. Henry C. Adams.

Oscar Gassett. I. M. Irish.

Past Commanders.

*Obed H. Ellis. *J. L. Batchelder.

E. P. Copeland. *Chas. H. Mason.

Chas. D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams.

Commander, *Alfred A. Lee.

S. V. C., J. Geo. Montgomery. J. V. C., J. H. Hurlburt.

Representative. *Alternate.*

John Mitchell. H. A. Loomis.

Past Commanders.

*Chas. H. Arnum. A. W. Fulton.

Martin Curley. H. A. Tower.

Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough.

Commander, *John W. Fairbanks.

S. V. C., Harris C. Warren. J. V. C., A. H. Putnam.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*John A. Gilmore. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Melvin H. Walker. E. L. Warren.

A. C. Stearns.

Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown.

Commander, *Alvin F. Tolman.

S. V. C., *Chas. F. Sherman. J. V. C., Nelson Hill.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Ozra M. Whittier. Michael Hyghee.

Past Commander.

John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead.

Commander, *Eli V. Hunt.

S. V. C., Chas. L. Eustis. J. V. C., J. H. Roundy.

Representatives.
*Samuel Snow.
Charles Snelling.

Alternates.
J. E. Hammond.
W. S. Roundy.

Past Commanders.
Stewart F. McLean. W. Scott Caswell.
Albert F. Morris.

J. E. Wilder Post 83, Hanover.

Commander, Geo. M. Curtis.

S. V. C., P. S. Sturtevant. J. V. C., S. F. Buffum.

Representative.
Lewis Josselyn.

Alternate.
C. C. Hannum.

Past Commanders.
Joshua Barker. Melzar C. Bailey.

J. W. Lawton Post 85, Ware.

Commander, *A. H. Richardson.

S. V. C., *Chas. H. Rood. J. V. C., Frank King.

Representative.
*H. M. Hitchcock.

Alternate.
—— ——

Past Commanders.

W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton.

Commander, John P. Thompson.

S. V. C., Wm. R. Bardwell. J. V. C., E. E. Graves.

Representatives.
Jonas Polmatier.
H. C. Belden.

Alternates.
Hugh Fitzgerald.
G. D. Clark.

Past Commander.
N. W. Farrar.

Gen. S. Thayer Post 87, South Braintree.

Commander, Wm. L. Gage.

S. V. C., Edward A. Fisher. J. V. C., Wm. J. Tirrell.

Representative.
Henry W. Collins.

Alternate.
Benj. F. Spear.

Past Commanders.
G. D. Willis.
*E. L. Curtis.
H. A. Monk.
*E. C. Pierson.

Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy.

Commander, John D. Williams.

S. V. C., Charles D. Costar. J. V. C., S. P. Otis.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Past Commanders.

G. B. Thomas. *Chas. A. Brown.
*J. H. Webb.

J. H. Chapman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly.

Commander, *W. H. Morgan.

S. V. C., *Wm. F. Beckford. J. V. C., *John Crampey.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*Benj. F. Cressey. W. C. Huntress.
*Arthur Jordan. W. F. Warren.

Past Commanders.

*J. E. Foster. *James A. Wright.
John Hanners. *Thomas F. Whiting.
John W. McKnight. Thomas W. Dunham.
Albert B. Fowler.

Ward Post 90, Danvers.

Commander, *Alonzo A. Rackliff.

S. V. C., Chas. E. Tibbetts. J. V. C., D. Spaulding.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*Henry N. Comey. Wm. Collins.
Frederick Collins. D. J. Cashman.

Past Commanders.

J. Albert Blake. *E. F. Small.
*Henry H. Potter. Joseph Bushby.
*Isaac E. Frye. H. N. Comey.

E. R. Carpenter Post 91, Foxborough.

Commander, *Thomas B. Bourne.

S. V. C., Joseph H. Dowe. J. V. C., Henry C. Williams.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Geo. H. Sands. W. N. Wheeler.

Past Commanders.

Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton.

Commander, *John Welch.

S. V. C., *Ellis W. Knowlton. J. V. C., Charles Hathaway.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Edwin F. Knowlton. Thomas E. McNamara.

Past Commanders.

*Archibald B. Collier. J. Francis Chickey.
Paul Lounsbury. *Joseph W. Haskell.

Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Revere Post 94, Canton.

Commander, Richmond L. Weston.

S. V. C., *Theron M. Kelley. J. V. C., James Ryan.

Representative. *Wilbur D. Ryerson.

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Gen. E. W. Hincks Post 95, Saugus.

Commander, *Augustus H. Sutherland.

S. V. C., *Joseph Newhall. J. V. C., S. L. Blood.

Representative. *George W. Caswell.

Alternate. Geo. W. Felton.

Past Commanders.

Joe Johnson Post 96, Northborough.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Henry Bryant Post 98, Cohasset.

Commander, Cyrus H. Bates.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Gen. W. P. Bartlett Post 99, Andover.

Commander, *Henry L. Clukey.

S. V. C., John Cummings. J. V. C., James Saunders.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Col. W. B. Greene Post 100, Methuen.

Commander, John Q. Hill.

S. V. C., Amos G. Jones. J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. Frank W. Cluff.

Alternate. F. A. Wardwell.

Past Commander.

Charles Sumner Post 101, Groveland.

Commander, Abbott L. Lane.

S. V. C., Geo. S. Daggett. J. V. C., Eugene C. Brown.

Representative. Charles J. Shute.

Alternate. A. L. Hardy.

Past Commanders.

Huntington P. Wolcott Post 102, Milton.

Commander, *N. S. Barry.

S. V. C., A. F. Emery. J. V. C., A. H. Plummer.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

*J. E. Blake.
A. Hobbs.
J. F. Farrell.
J. Strangman.

Edwin Humphrey Post 104, Hingham.

Commander, Ezra Wilder.

S. V. C., Joseph H. Stodder. J. V. C., *Jerry G. O'Hara.

Representative. Wm. H. Lord.

Alternate. James L. Bates.

Past Commanders.

J. Orson Fiske Post 105, Upton.

Commander, *George R. Pierce.

S. V. C., George W. Pierce. J. V. C., C. H. Johnson.

Representative. *Aaron Jackson.

Alternate. Willard Wood.

Past Commanders.

Otis W. Wallace Post 106, Rockport.

Commander, Joseph M. Reed.

S. V. C., Andrew Lane. J. V. C., A. Norwood.

Representative. Chas. B. Morse.

Alternate. Eben Pickering.

Past Commanders.

Everett Peabody Post 108, Georgetown.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

—— —— —— ——

Past Commanders.

Ericsson Post 109, East Templeton.

Commander, Judson S. Pinney.

S. V. C., Samuel Richardson. J. V. C., Dwight C. Cleveland.

Representative. *Alternate.*

—— —— —— ——

Past Commanders.

Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph.

Commander, *Hiram S. Faunce.

S. V. C., *F. Taylor. J. V. C., S. M. Clark.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*Patrick M. Kiley. Lem Capen.

—— —— J. M. Jones.

Past Commanders.

H. A. Crook. *David Pope.

*H. S. Faunce. R. I. Jones.

Joseph E. Simmons Post 111, Pembroke.

Commander, Benjamin F. Toppan.

S. V. C., C. H. Poole. J. V. C., J. C. Davies.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

John C. Davies. —— ——

Geo. H. Ham. —— ——

Past Commanders.

D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell.

Commander, Alfred B. Litchfield.

S. V. C., J. B. Sullivan. J. V. C., Benjamin W. French.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Frank Alger. —— ——

Past Commander.

J. H. Prouty.

Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, Boston.

Commander, *Oliver P. Ricker.

S. V. C., George W. States. J. V. C., Chas. W. Reed.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*E. F. Hamlin. Manning Emery.

*Charles L. Ridgway. James R. Gerrish.

—— —— Geo. E. Curtis.

Past Commanders.

Col. G. R. Mudge Post 114, Merrimac.

Commander, L. B. Blaisdell.

S. V. C., Charles E. Flanders. J. V. C., E. G. Bly.

Representative. John O. Nealand. *Alternate.* —— ——

Past Commander.

E. S. Clark Post 115, Groton.

Commander, Charles H. Berry.

S. V. C., Warner Souther. J. V. C., John Condon.

Representative. Charles H. Torrey. *Alternate.* —— ——

Past Commander. Thomas Gilson.

D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner.

Commander, *Amos H. Eaton.

S. V. C., *John A. Byron. J. V. C., *W. W. Caswell.

Representative. Henry Hadley. *Alternate.* —— ——

Past Commanders.

Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield.

Commander, *E. C. Crocker.

S. V. C., *Julius A. Fitts. J. V. C., George E. Pettis.

Representative. James W. Clark. *Alternate.* —— ——

Past Commander.

Gen. James L. Bates Post 118, Swampscott.

Commander, *Peleg Gardner.

S. V. C., *D. C. Beckett. J. V. C., George Louillard.

Representative. *Weston H. Wyman. *Alternate.* Theo. L. Wilkins.

Past Commander. Horace W. Wardwell.

George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington.

Commander, *Wm. B. Foster.

S. V. C., John N. Morse. J. V. C., E. S. Locke.

Representative. George B. Dennett. *Alternate.* —— ——

Past Commander.

James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell.

Commander, Geo. B. Barnett.

S. V. C., *Geo. E. Clogston. J. V. C., Geo. Conway.

Representative. A. W. Stockwell.

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

*Charles H. Stickney. Charles W. Nevers.
Geo. Hunt. F. B. Flanders.
Geo. H. Nutting.

Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park.

Commander, John H. Kazer.

S. V. C., *R. F. Boynton. J. V. C., *R. L. Frampton.

Representative. *Wm. A. Gray.

Alternate. Wm. Coullahan.

Past Commanders.

*Henry S. Bunton. George L. Eldridge.
*W. C. Bryant. *George E. W. Ide.
*E. J. Chandler. *Jas. S. Mitchell.
F. H. Dean. *Jas. F. Shapleigh.
Wm. T. King.

E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury.

Commander, *Frank N. Bayley.

S. V. C., *Chas. A. Moore. J. V. C., *Wm. H. Currier.

Representative. Geo. E. Batchelder.

Alternate. Samuel True.

Past Commanders.

Geo. W. Marden. Moses M. Dennett.
D. J. Marston.

Parker Post 123, Athol.

Commander, Lyman B. Hastings.

S. V. C., L. D. Forrest. J. V. C., Chester Dickinson.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. J. C. Amidon.

Past Commanders.

*George W. Stevens. Wm. J. Barrus.
H. D. Brock. Chas. E. Taft.
W. N. Heustis. H. T. Morse.

W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield.

Commander, Edw. C. Reagan.

S. V. C., Edwin Shumway. J. V. C., P. N. Barrett.

Representatives. *W. D. Crossman. —— ——

Alternates. D. F. Brink. C. W. Hudelston.

Past Commanders.

*Francis A. Ireland. Samuel L. Ceasar.

George E. Sayles Post 126, Adams.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., Harlin Norton. J. V. C., *W. J. Briggs.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Arthur A. Loop. —— ——

Past Commanders.

T. L. Bonney Post 127, Hanson.

Commander, *John Scates.

S. V. C., *Joseph W. Clemons. J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commanders.

Gen. J. Appleton Post 128, Ipswich.

Commander, *Charles W. Bamford.

S. V. C., *James H. Hall. J. V. C., *John W. Russell.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Wm. A. Chapin. Alonzo Butler.

Past Commanders.

Luther Wait. *Philip E. Clark.

Albert N. Nichols.

W. H. Freeman Post 129, Blackstone.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

—— —— —— ——

Past Commanders.

James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway.

Commander, Elmer L. Videtto.

S. V. C., Peter Cahill. J. V. C., D. W. Riordan

Representative. *Alternate.*

J. C. Hitchcock. Ezra J. Briggs.

Past Commanders.

George H. Thomas Post 131, Leicester.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

—— —— —— ——

Past Commanders.

Charles Chipman Post 132, Sandwich.

Commander, *J. Frank Giles.

S. V. C., John M. Perry. J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commander.

George H. Maintien Post 133, Plainville.

Commander, *Granville Morse.

S. V. C., Casper Hartmay. J. V. C., *Allen Dart.

Representative.
Chas. Card.

Alternate.
Amos Anderson.

Past Commander.
H. Ephraim Coombs.

Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston.

Commander, *Edward A. Ditmus.

S. V. C., *Chas. W. Palmer. J. V. C., *Amos Johnson.

Representative.
Joseph Young.

Alternate.
Marcus Lewis.

Past Commanders.
*Isaac S. Mullen. *George E. Biddle.
Thomas H. Young.

E. A. Andrews Post 135, Shrewsbury.

Commander, *Hiram W. Loring.

S. V. C., Wm. O. Bennet. J. V. C., Peter Camache.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Samuel Sibley Post 137, East Douglas.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton.

Commander, *Geo. L. Towne.

S. V. C., *Alonzo Joy. J. V. C., *Isaac Ford.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commander.

Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Somerville.

Commander, *Thos. F. Smith.

S. V. C., *M. Fitzpatrick. J. V. C., *E. J. Smith.

Representatives.

*R. K. Jones.
*E. P. Swift.
John S. Frost.

Alternates.

J. P. Foss.
Joseph Young.
Andrew Claffey.

Past Commanders.

John H. Dessault.
*Thomas J. Buffum.
Walter Winward.
*Chas. E. Stone.
George H. Clapp.
*George M. Houghton.
Chas. O. Pratt.
Andrew J. Claffey.
Dennis Dailey.
Caleb A. Page.
Edwin J. Smith.
*George H. Goss.
William W. Fish.
*Amasa E. Googins.
John M. Woods.

H. V. Smith Post 140, Athol.

Commander, *C. V. Goddard.

S. V. C., George McRae. J. V. C., A. C. Wells.

Representative.

A. L. Gilson.

Alternate.

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Past Commander.

A. F. Hines.

F. D. Hammond Post 141, South Chatham.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Past Commanders.

Burnside Post 142, Saxonville.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Past Commanders.

C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline.

Commander, Albert W. Bright.

S. V. C., *William B. Webber. J. V. C., *Castelly O. Norcross.

Representative.

*Theodore E. Clark.

Alternate.

Prince A. Phinney.

Past Commanders.

*W. W. O'Connell.
*Philip A. Nordell.
Augustus S. Lovett.
Henry K. Gould.

Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham.

Commander, *John E. Bronson.

S. V. C., P. S. O'Leary. J. V. C., R. H. Lincoln.

Representative.
*John H. Nichols.

Alternate.
Weston F. Hutchins.

Past Commander.
*W. H. Clement.

William A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro.

Commander, *Nathan H. Read.

S. V. C., *J. W. Bean. J. V. C., Chas. D. Kinney.

Representatives.
*John Dorr.
*Fred L. Moore.

Alternates.
E. A. Cummings.
E. D. Parmenter.

Past Commanders.
*E. W. Rhodes.
Cyrus Getchell.
Geo. R. Adams.
Wm. B. Aldrich.

General Lawton Post 146, Lawrence.

Commander, *John A. Brackett.

S. V. C., Thomas Cogswell. J. V. C., Stephen B. Miller.

Representatives.
*Geo. Bancroft.
*Chas. Wainright.

Alternates.
Justin Bridges.
*G. N. Thissell.

Past Commanders.
*Theophilus Coupe.
Alonzo L. Tappan.
O. J. Randlett.
*Wm. L. Hobbs.
Wm. E. Manson.
*A. C. Bradford.

E. M. Stanton Post 147, Amherst.

Commander, Orville W. Prouty.

S. V. C., J. D. Kenney. J. V. C., S. Parsons Cook.

Representative.
F. B. Kentfield.

Alternate.
Charles S. Walker.

Past Commander.
Arthur W. Hall.

A. D. Weld Post 148, Winchester.

Commander, Henry Smalley.

S. V. C., P. Walling. J. V. C., —— ——

Representative.
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Alternate.
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Past Commander.

Maj. G. L. Stearns Post 149, Charlestown.

Commander, *Patrick H. Driscoll.

S. V. C., Joseph Hayes. J. V. C., Edward Harrington.

Representative.
Henry Dawson.

Alternate.
James Allen.

Past Commander.

Major Boyd Post 151, West Newbury.

Commander, J. A. Bradley.

S. V. C., John Preble. J. V. C., H. D. Lay.

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commanders.

O. H. P. Sargent Post 152, Essex.

Commander, ———

S. V. C., ——— J. V. C., ———

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commander.

Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchendon.

Commander, Gustavus W. Jones.

S. V. C., Jerome Stevens. J. V. C., ———

Representative. Henry F. Partridge. *Alternate.* P. Brabston.

Past Commanders.

Martha Sever Post 154, Kingston.

Commander, *A. E. Lincoln.

S. V. C., Geo. H. Bonney. J. V. C., ———

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commander.

Marcus Keep Post 155, Monson.

Commander, ———

S. V. C., ——— J. V. C., ———

Representative. ——— *Alternate.* ———

Past Commander.

James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett.

Commander, Edwin F. Morrill.

S. V. C., E. O. Morrill. J. V. C., *W. N. Buckminster.

Representative. *S. O. Anthony. *Alternate.* P. F. Munroe.

Past Commanders.

Freeman A. Langley.
*C. F. Lothrop.
*Wm. N. Buckminster.
*Henri Batchelder.
W. F. Stratton.
*Wellington Towle.
*George A. Parsons.
*Wm. H. Cate.

E. B. Piper Post 157, Walpole.

Commander, *J. A. Hartshorne.

S. V. C., *Isaac Miller. J. V. C., N. W. Fisher.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Joshua Allen. ——— ———

Past Commander.

N. W. Fisher.

John A. Hawes Post 159, East Boston.

Commander, *Stephen D. Snow.

S. V. C., Robert Young. J. V. C., W. H. Hardy.

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commanders.

William E. Estee. James F. Ward.

Alan Hamilton Post 160, West Brookfield.

Commander, S. G. Irish.

S. V. C., G. H. Allen. J. V. C., Jas. Wendell.

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

Woburn Post 161, Woburn.

Commander, Edwin T. Wyer.

S. V. C., *B. F. Smith. J. V. C., Frank A. Winn.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Clarence Littlefield. W. F. Cook.

Past Commander.

Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, Framingham.

Commander, *William F. Brown.

S. V. C., Wm. H. Burke. J. V. C., I. L. Dunaven.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Wm. E. Fay. Adrial Farnsworth.

Past Commanders.

*Wm. R. Reed. *Edwin S. Taylor.

Samuel O. Staples.

F. A. Clary Post 164, Conway.

Commander, Geo. A. Hassell.

S. V. C., Adelbert Bailey. J. V. C., James Coughlan.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Ira N. Hitchcock. Ormanzo Payne.

Past Commander.

Wm. Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury.

Commander, John W. Tower.

S. V. C., *John W. Alden. J. V. C., Geo. H. Bailey.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Waldo H. Church. Alphonse Brown.

Past Commanders.

James K. Burgess. Albert M. Goulding.

Rouse R. Clark Post 167, Whitinsville.

Commander, S. L. Colby.

S. V. C., Wm. H. Aldrich. J. V. C., *Jas. Crichton.

Representative. *Alternate.*

James McClarence. ——— ———

Past Commanders.

M. Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge.

Commander, *George W. Corey.

S. V. C., Edwin T. Torrey. J. V. C., Norval Newell.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Baldwin J. Vinton. Israel Leduc.

Past Commander.

Orrin J. Aldrich.

George R. Bird Post 169, Norwood.

Commander, George W. Nead.

S. V. C., *William Foreman. J. V. C., *J. E. May.

Representative. *Alternate.*

J. H. Partridge. Charles Shackley.

Past Commander.

John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield.

Commander, *Leander Wentworth.

S. V. C., John Lyman. J. V. C., Chas. H. Draper.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*Uriah Hoyett. Adelbert White.

Past Commanders.

*John Hanniford. V. F. Grover.
*Moses L. Green. Henry C. Hamilton.
*Louis A. Lauriat. G. A. Fiske.
*Alfred Briggs.

Henry H. Johnson Post 171, Northfield.

Commander, *J. R. Hamilton.

S. V. C., Isaac Thomas. J. V. C., Henry H. Morse.

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commanders.

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G. K. Warren Post 172, Bolton.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge.

Commander, B. C. Bennett.

S. V. C., Wm. L. Allen. J. V. C., Melvin Booth.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*E. H. Davenport. —— ——

Past Commander.

Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield.

Commander, James A. Horton.

S. V. C., Allen Newton. J. V. C., Richard O'Hara.

Representative. *Alternate.*

*John Sears. Mark Bullard.

Past Commander.

Washburn Post 175, Lancaster.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

Gen. H. C. Lee Post 176, Huntington.

Commander, H. E. Stanton.

S. V. C., H. Fuller. J. V. C., W. L. Crossett.

Representative. *Alternate.*

C. B. Hayden. J. J. Sennott.

Past Commander.

Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre.

Commander, B. F. Brooks.

S. V. C., S. H. P. Hale. J. V. C., Albert P. Clark.

Representative. *Alternate.*

J. K. Collins. Lucius Spooner.

Past Commander.

Old Concord Post 180, Concord.

Commander, *George F. Wheeler.

S. V. C., Andrew R. Maker. J. V. C., Lewis H. George.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Henry C. Cunningham. Wm. H. Hunt.

Past Commanders.

George F. Wheeler. Edward H. Maker.

Galen Orr Post 181, Needham.

Commander, Lyman Wilcox.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

S. W. Hutchinson. Wm. Bell.

Past Commander.

C. M. Wheaton Post 182, Somerset.

Commander, William H. Seaver.

S. V. C., Thomas A. Francis. J. V. C., Amos C. Padelford.

Representative. *Alternate.*

Milton I. Brightman. John O. Gibbs.

Past Commander.

Sargeant Plunkett Post 184, Ashburnham.

Commander, *J. W. Bride.

S. V. C., *P. H. Fargo. J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell.

Commander, *Franklin S. Pevey.

S. V. C., *Albert F. Gilman. J. V. C., George E. Bryant.

Representatives. *Alternates.*

*Charles M. Bixby. Charles Chase.

*Albert J. Bixby. W. A. Arnold.

Past Commanders.

Albert A. Davis. Marcus L. Cowdrey.

Geo. L. Adams. Colburn S. Smith.

John A. Logan Post 186, Cambridge.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. *Alternate.*

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Past Commanders.

Preston Post 188, Beverly Farms.

Commander, Milton F. Larcom.

S. V. C., Benj. F. Osborne. J. V. C., Timothy Higgins.

Representative. — —

Alternate. — —

Past Commanders.

David Church Post 189, Marshfield Hills.

Commander, James L. Rogers.

S. V. C., Warren F. White. J. V. C., Trueman H. Snow.

Representatives.
A. M. Bartlett.
— —

Alternates.
W. W. Randall.
I. A. Everell.

Past Commander.

R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford.

Commander, * George A. Jenks.

S. V. C., *Thos. C. Robbins. J. V. C., Chas. E. Pierce.

Representatives.
Benj. F. Barnes.
Oscar R. Goodwin.
*Wm. B. Hinkley.

Alternates.
W. F. Caswell.
A. L. Beachman.
— —

Past Commanders.

*George N. Alden.
James W. Hervey.
Thos. J. Gifford.
Henry W. Mason.
*Thomas C. Robbins.
John V. Spare.
Otis B. Phinney.
J. Henry Smead.

Gettysburg Post 191, Boston.

Commander, *Edward A. Hammond.

S. V. C., Sumner T. Bradbury. J. V. C., W. J. Anderson.

Representatives.
*Henery Seigle.
*J. W. Jordan.

Alternates.
Benj. V. Coburn.
Henry Scales.

Past Commanders.

George O. Noyes.
*George W. Moore.
Wm. J. Hargraves.

P. M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough.

Commander, Stephen Stanley.

S. V. C., Henry G. S. Struck. J. V. C., Patrick Kivlin.

Representative.
Frank Bronson.

Alternate. — —

Past Commander.

C. M. Packard Post 193, Avon.

Commander, Ira McLaughlin.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., J. W. Bryant.

Representative. — *Alternate.*

*S. F. Oliver. — S. M. Crane.

Past Commander.

Veteran Post 194, Reading.

Commander, Walter S. Parker.

S. V. C., John Bacheller. J. V. C., *J. H. Simpson.

Representative. — *Alternate.*

William H. Brooks. — H. P. Pratt.

Past Commanders.

*Ernest A. Clapp. — *W. C. M. Howe.

George A. Sargent. — Z. M. Saunders.

Thos. A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell.

Commander, *Otis A. Merrill.

S. V. C., Henry P. Humes. J. V. C., A. A. Pelton.

Representative. — *Alternate.*

*Geo. A. Gay. — M. L. Boynton.

Past Commanders.

Henry C. Thurston. — Geo. G. Tarbell.

G. D. Anderson Post 196, Great Barrington.

Commander, Herbert C. Joyner.

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. — *Alternate.*

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Past Commanders.

Berkshire Post 197, Pittsfield.

Commander, Alfred L. Marshall.

S. V. C., Wm. F. Hunt. J. V. C., F. W. Kingsley.

Representatives. — *Alternates.*

*Edwin H. Lincoln. — W. H. H. Clark.

—— —— — J. S. Moore.

Past Commanders.

James F. Thurston. — Chas. E. Johnson.

W. S. Eaton Post 199, Revere.

Commander, *Horace Furbush.

S. V. C., Wm. H. Blawvelt. J. V. C., John P. Maker.

Representative. — *Alternate.*

Chas. H. Moore. — J. W. Miskelly.

Past Commanders.

Lewis L. Bullard. — Julius A. Herrmann.

Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain.

Commander, *Chas. A. S. Troup.

S. V. C., *Stillman Bond. J. V. C., Joseph E. Page.

Representative. John A. Page.

Alternate. J. F. Killiher.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Appleby. J. S. Ridlon.
*Wm. G. Whitney. *George W. Green.

E. B. Nye Post 203, Bourne.

Commander, *John J. Ryder.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Morse. J. V. C., Martin V. Cahoon.

Representative. S. O. Phinney.

Alternate. Albert Wheeler.

Past Commanders.

Theo. Parkman Post 204, Centerville.

Commander, *Thomas H. Soule, Jr.

S. V. C., Edward W. Childs. J. V. C., C. L. Baker.

Representative. Marcus M. Haskell.

Alternate. Geo. W. Ryder.

Past Commanders.

B. F. Jones Post 206, Falmouth.

Commander, —— ——

S. V. C., —— —— J. V. C., —— ——

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Thos. Gardner Post 207, Nantucket.

Commander, Josiah F. Murphy.

S. V. C., Alfred F. Ray. J. V. C., J. H. Barrett.

Representative. James H. Wood.

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

Gen. W. T. Sherman Post 208, Wareham.

Commander, T. T. Hopkins.

S. V. C., James Harlow. J. V. C., Chas. K. Greer.

Representative. —— ——

Alternate. —— ——

Past Commanders.

John Campbell. Cornelius Hegerty.
Alonzo Perry. Hiram Bumpus.

E. P. Hopkins Post 209, Williamstown.

Commander, William R. Stocking.

S. V. C., Henry Norboy. J. V. C., J. D. Pattison.

Representatives.	*Alternates.*
James McLain.	Jabez Odell.
Harrison White.	Edward Maynard.

Past Commanders.

A. C. Munroe Post 212, East Bridgewater.

Commander, Charles E. Allen.

S. V. C., Edward Kanard. J. V. C., Geo. H. Bagnell.

Representative.	*Alternate.*
Peregrine W. Poole.	—— ——

Past Commander.

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ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GEORGE W. PRATT.

Comrades: — A most cordial and fraternal greeting I extend to you, now assembled in the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of our Department, in Gardner Hall, in our State House. As we meet here, face to face in a full fraternity, with hearts beating as one, may we bow our heads to the Great Giver of all things, to whom we are indebted for the preservation of our lives and for the opportunity to again gather in our annual reunion, where we may transact the necessary business of our beloved organization and be permitted to give an occasional thought of those dear Comrades who have been with us in the past, and now are gone to the Grand Camping-ground beyond.

Membership.

The first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized in Decatur, Illinois, on April 6, 1866, and this was followed by the formation of other Posts, and of various Departments, and then by a National organization. The first Department Convention convened in Springfield, Illinois, July 12, 1866, and the first National Encampment was held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 20, 1866. The Grand Army of the Republic attained the zenith of its strength in 1890, with 409,489 members. Our last report received from National Headquarters, reporting for the year closing December 31, 1922, shows a membership in our National organization of 76,126 comrades. The first Post in our Department was organized in New Bedford, as Post No. 1, on October 4, 1866, and it is an undisputed fact that this Post is today the oldest Post in our Order, in continuous membership, as all Posts previously chartered have disbanded or have been re-organized. The first Massachusetts Encampment was permanently organized on May 7, 1867, and in 1892 the Massachusetts Department arrived at its highest membership, 24,261 comrades. Now, after fifty-seven years, we find that on December 31, 1923, we have only 3,609 members — 546 of our comrades have been mustered out by death during the year 1923. Five Posts of our Department have surrendered their charters in the year that has passed, leaving now 174 Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts.

As our average age now is 81 years, it cannot be expected that we shall hold together, in any Post, for very many years, but all praise should go out to those Comrades who keep their Post alive while having only a few members.

It may be of interest for the Comrades to know that the youngest Comrade in our Department, at the present time, is Charles W. Smith, of Post 74, Rockland, who was born May 29, 1854, and therefore is 69 years old, while the oldest is Comrade Henry D. Lay, of Post 151, West Newbury, who was born January 8, 1824, and now is 100 years old.

Finances.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster-General shows the Department's financial condition. Our faithful allied organizations have helped us in such a financial manner, that, with the liberal assistance by our State, our receipts have met all our expenses. For several years it became necessary for the Department to make large withdrawals from its invested funds that the Department Headquarters might be kept open, but in 1921 the Massachusetts Legislature granted to the Department, for five years, an annual appropriation of $1,000 and which we graciously receive.

Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, so full of tender memories of the past, was observed with dignity and solemnity by Posts and Corps; Camps and Tents; Circles and Auxiliaries, and by all patriotic orders, thus testifying in an active manner their gratitude and respect for the patriotic dead. The men of 1861, those of 1898 and those of 1917, with our own Sons of Veterans, all marching in one column toward the silent Cities of the Dead, for one grand purpose — to bestow tribute to the memory of those who fought for Country and for Right.

May the time soon come when Memorial Day will not be profaned by sports and events that mar the services which a patriotic people offer to the Nation's Dead.

National Encampment.

The National Encampment held last September in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, proved of no little interest to the Massachusetts Comrades. More than fifty of our Comrades were in line on the grand parade and not one fell out while on the march. The members of our allied societies were also with us at Milwaukee in goodly numbers, and they brought us pleasure, not only while there, but on the way going and coming. We had a fine trip and an excellent Encampment meeting.

This year, in 1924, the National Encampment will be held in Boston, and the Comrades from all over our land are called to assemble here on August 10th. The former National Encampments that were held in Boston, were held on the following dates: — The 5th Encampment, on May 10 and 11, 1871; the 24th, on August 13 and 14, 1890; the 38th, on August 17 and 18, 1904 and the 51st, on August 20 to 25, 1917.

Arrangements for the coming Encampment here are being fast completed, and, when matured, will undoubtedly yield very satisfactory results. We are fully assured that our visiting Comrades, and the members of our allied orders, as they return to their homes, will bear on their lips such an expression as " The best we ever attended. "

We have placed His Honor James M. Curley, Mayor of the City of Boston, at the head of our Committee of Arrangements, and with our Sons of Veterans earnestly laboring with him, we are fully assured of a successful National Encampment meeting in Boston next August.

Soldiers' Home in Chelsea.

This Home, situated on Powder Horn Hill, in Chelsea, opened July 25th, 1882, as an abiding place for those who served in the Civil War, having no home of their own, has proved a worthy refuge for many of the Massachusetts Comrades. And now that the War with Spain and the World War, having brought forth other War Veterans, some requiring a sheltering home, such as they may rightfully find here, are gathering with those of our own Comrades, to be dwellers here together. On February 29, 1924, there were 428 as present members of the Home, and of which number 175 were Veterans of the Spanish War.

Last Summer, Commandant Richard R. Foster resigned, after a long and faithful service in the Home, first, as Adjutant, from the time of its establishment until he was chosen to the position of Commandant, and his retirement brought regret to the hearts of the Comrades. Adjutant Charles W. Parker, who had been connected with the Home for a number of years, was chosen by the Trustees as his successor. He is a Spanish War Veteran, and the son of a

Veteran of the Civil War. We have the full assurance that he will prove worthy of the position of Commandant of the Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

Gov. John A. Andrew Home.

This institution, established for the purpose of providing a home for the Comrades, their wives and the widows of deceased Comrades, is one worthy of much commendation. The Home is supported through the liberality of those appreciating the benefits afforded deserving inmates, and I urge all to become acquainted with the conditions and the management of this Home and become contributors to its support. Through the untiring devotion to her chosen duties, the president, Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, labors unceasingly for the welfare of the aged inmates, many of whom are women. Contributions forwarded to the Home in Newtonville, Mass., or to the treasurer, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Room 27, State House, Boston, Mass., will be thankfully acknowledged.

Our Army Nurses.

It appears that 20 years ago we had 60 Army Nurses, residents in our State, but we now find that the entire number living in our Nation today does not exceed that number. Our high respect and esteem goes out, in strongest terms, to the few remaining with us.

Woman's Relief Corps.

The earnestness which these patriotic women are devoting to our interests is very plainly evident to every Comrade. The small and feeble Posts are strengthened because of the help rendered, and this assistance has often proved such a tower of strength to many a small Post, which, were the help not given, would have to give up its fight for existence as a distinct organization. So helpful have been the members of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Comrades of the G. A. R. that our heartfelt praise goes out to them all.

Ladies of the G. A. R.

These loyal women, banded together as wives, mothers, sisters and daughters of the Civil War Comrades, have shown their kindness to us wherever possible. We are proud of them — for what they are and for what they have so cheerfully done for our welfare.

Daughters of Veterans.

We heartily extend to them our cordial encouragement and greetings for they have shown a most loyal love in the performance of their duty, and in such work as has been for us to know. May these Daughters continue in their grand work, and may our praise of them be joined by that of a patriotic people.

Sons of Veterans.

As your Department Commander, I will assure the Comrades that no expression of mine will give me greater pleasure than to announce the glad words — "We Welcome home our Sons." In our Post meetings these Sons of ours may come, and thus closer and closer we may cling to them while on our remaining journey along the shores of Time. Let us stand true and steadfast by our Sons of Veterans.

There are details connected with the matter of the Sons attending our Post meetings, that have not as yet been specifically defined, and which will have to be perfected at the coming National Encampment. However, the Sons of Veterans may attend our meetings, but only so by permission, as voted by the Post. It appears that some Posts have thus far declined to vote on this matter, therefore the Sons of Veterans are prevented from attending such Post meetings, but the time is not far away when every post will open its doors to our Sons of Veterans, though they will not be permitted to vote on any matter regarding the management of the Post, or of the G. A. R. Let us stand by our Sons of Veterans, and firmly believe that their future influence for good is far beyond our comprehension.

Sons of Veterans' Auxiliary.

This is a band of loyal workers, organized to assist the Sons of Veterans in carrying out their mission, and to render a helping hand when opportunity is presented them. They have already proved themselves worthy of our deep gratitude.

United Spanish War Veterans, World War Veterans and their Auxiliaries.

During my year, now closing, I have had many calls to attend gatherings of these Orders, and have been received with royal greetings on every occasion. These Comrades of the Spanish War and of the World War, it seems to me, deserve a closer comradeship with us than in the past. A Nation's people honor what these men did for them in time of the Nation's peril. They are honored, and rightly so, therefore let us join hands with them on patriotic occasions. They fought beneath the same dear old Flag, to preserve its honor, and they brought it back to peaceful homes without a stain upon its folds. While we stand by our own let us not stand far away from these War Veterans and their Auxiliaries.

County Associations.

These are very pleasant gatherings, and appear to be greatly enjoyed by the Comrades attending. But little business is done, and what occurs is mostly of a social nature that turns into a delightful reunion of the Comrades. Those belonging to small Posts find a happy meeting, generally one they long remember. May these Association meetings long continue.

Flag Pledge.

On page 121 of the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Department Encampment for 1923, we may find the following: —

"The Committee on Resolutions report that at the State Convention held in 1922, of the Grand Army of the Republic, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Spanish American War Veterans, the new Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, which reads 'I Pledge my Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all,' was unanimously endorsed."

"At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Des Moines, it was unanimously endorsed; therefore

"Whereas, Hon. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education in Massachusetts, promised that when such action had been taken by those State Conventions he would issue a bulletin to all the public schools in the State to adopt this new pledge; and

Whereas, He has not yet done so; therefore be it

"Resolved, That this Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, in 1923, respectfully request said Commissioner to issue such bulletin to our schools, to adopt this new Pledge, in order to make it universal."

"Voted, To adopt the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions, That the Department Commander be requested to call upon Hon. Payson Smith and express the sentiments of this Convention with regard to the enforcement of the suggestion made here."

In May of last year I called on Commissioner Payson Smith, and informed him regarding the sentiments of the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment in the matter of the Flag Pledge, and he stated he would look the matter up and ascertain what applications had come to him calling for a change. In about two weeks' time I called again, and he told me he received no application, from any organization, for a change, but if any change was universally desired, he was ready to make such in the public schools of the State. In September I again called on him and was presented with a copy of instructions he had sent to every Superintendent of Schools in our State, to the effect that on Flag Day, June 14th, representatives of 68 organizations assembled in Washington, D. C. and formulated what they called "an authentic code of Flag etiquette," including a form of Pledge to the Flag, and which form the Commissioner recommended to be used by the school children of our State, as follows: —

In Memoriam

FRANCIS E. MOLE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

1916

DIED DECEMBER 29, 1923

LOVED AND HONORED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM

"I Pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

I offer this as my report of my findings in regard to the Flag Pledge, and though briefly given, yet the details are reserved for future service, should they be called for.

Department Officers.

The year, now closing, brings back sweet memories of happiness prevailing in our official family, though truly the sunshine was gone and the clouds of sorrow came occasionally across our way, for some of our loved Comrades were taken from us by the reaper, Death.

Our Department Chaplain, Rev. James B. King, was the first to go, followed by our Junior Vice Department Commander, Alphonso B. Pierce, Medical Director, Dr. Henry O. Marcy, and Past Department Commander, Francis E. Mole.

Our Senior Vice Department Commander, Benjamin A. Ham, has well performed the duties of his position.

The Junior Vice Department Commander, William L. Gage, has by long service, and in different positions in the Grand Army of the Republic, won commendable satisfaction from the Comrades. Upon our Assistant Adjutant-General, Eben W. Pike, fell the laborious portion of our Department work, and well has he performed his part. Our Assistant Quartermaster-General, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, has proved himself the same active, efficient and dutiful official and Comrade as he has in the many years of the past. The Headquarters Clerk, George A. Dietz, with kind heart and with abilities competent to perform all the duties required of him, deserves much praise.

Recommendations.

I recommend that the sum of $1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the sum of $500 for the salary of the Headquarters Clerk.

I recommend that $500 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander, and of such other officers as he may detail to attend camp-fires, county associations and other functions at which it may seem desirable that the Department should be officially represented.

I recommend, also, that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and to defray the expenses of the Department Commander and of the Assistant Adjutant-General at the National Encampment to be held in Boston, during the week commencing August 10, 1924.

Comrades: Now, as the mantle of office falls from me to another, I am confident that my successor will receive from you the hearty support and assistance you gave to me. For the honor you conferred upon me a year ago, and for the hearty good will you brought to me, I extend to you all, my earnest thanks. The Comrades, officers and all, have stood with me in my duties and I have tried to be a Comrade to every Comrade. But, my Comrades, you are not alone who have been at my side in the work so dear to us all; those earnest leaders of all our patriotic organizations, with not one omitted, have devotedly, in the interests of the G. A. R., given me strength to lead you on. I feel very grateful to Governor Channing H. Cox, of our Commonwealth, and to Mayor James M. Curley, of the City of Boston, for their kindness, often bestowed upon the Comrades, through me, and they have been with us in heart and hand.

Finally, comrades, while our numbers are being depleted, let us close up our ranks, and stand shoulder to shoulder having faith in our Grand Commander that all will be well with us, and the deep sense of gratitude in our hearts that we have been permitted to mingle together for so many years, and that it was our great privilege to serve our country in its hour of need.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

Boston, Mass., March 3, 1924.

Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant General:*

In accordance with the usual custom, I herewith submit a report of my labors as Senior Vice Commander for the year now closing.

I attended the National Encampment at Milwaukee two days before the en-

campment for the purpose of helping to carry your invitation to hold the encampment in the City of Boston in 1924. I had the honor by the vote of the delegates to present your invitation to the encampment and by a unanimous vote was accepted.

I have attended many of the County Conventions, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and Daughters gatherings and have found pleasure and profit in these meetings.

I had a serious illness in January and February, but by the blessing of Heaven and the skill of the doctors at the Eye and Ear department of the Massachusetts General Hospital, I am fully recovered.

My unbounded gratitude will ever remain a sweet memory for the many courtesies, extended to me by our kind-hearted Commander and all his official family. "God bless them." And now comrades, hail and farewell as Senior Vice Commander, and may that faith and love we bear the Captain of our salvation be our guide in this life and through the boundless portals of eternity.

BENJAMIN A. HAM, *Department Senior Vice Commander.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

BRAINTREE, February 16, 1924.

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

DEAR COMRADE: — In accordance with usual custom I submit my report as Junior Vice Dept. Commander. On Nov. 21, 1923, I was elected by the Council of Administration to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Alphonso B. Pierce. My activity as a Department officer has been somewhat interfered with owing to having had some eight weeks of sickness. I have, however, attended two County Association meetings and installed the officers of one Post, and have been heartily greeted on all occasions and during my illness I received many cheerful greetings from my Comrades which helped me to come back to a normal condition of health.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WM. L. GAGE, *Junior Vice Department Commander.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

NORWOOD, MASS., February 14, 1924.

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

COMRADES: — I have the honor to render my report as Chaplain of the Department for the year past. Only a short time after our last Department Encampment had adjourned, our late Chaplain, Rev. James B. King, beloved by all who knew him, died at his home in Hopkinton after rendering faithful and efficient service. When the Department Commander informed me that the Council of Administration had chosen me unanimously to fill the place so lately made vacant, I felt a great honor had been conferred upon me, and I confess that I hesitated before accepting the position as I greatly feared that I could not attain the high standard of service filled by so many of my predecessors in the office. However, I decided after due consideration and prayer to accept the honor and do all I could for my comrades. Hence, I sent my letter of acceptance to Commander Pratt.

With other Department Officers I attended the reception given the Commander by his Post and allied orders. It was a great occasion and enjoyed by all who attended. It showed how highly he was esteemed and loved by his own home comrades and townspeople generally. I attended also the banquet given by the Associates of Post 72, which was a very creditable affair. On that occasion I caught a new vision of the meaning of post associates, with the result that Post 169 has now a membership of post associates of 275, mostly business and professional men of Norwood.

With the Department Officers, I attended the funeral of our late Junior-Vice-

Dept. Commander, Alphonso B. Pierce of Natick. A church service was held at his home and a large attendance of comrades, relatives and citizens were present. The Relief Corps and American Legion were also represented.

It was a great pleasure to meet our Commander-in-Chief at the luncheon given in his honor by Mayor Curley in behalf of the City of Boston, and the occasion was greatly enjoyed.

Since January 1st, I have been confined to the house a part of the time with a severe illness which prevented me from attending to my ordinary duties of home or those to the office of Chaplain. In all the service that I have rendered, the social functions have been greatly enjoyed, and it has been a great privilege and honor to render what assistance I could and have the confidence and comradeship of the Department. If we are all inspired with the same spirit of the two comrades at Lancaster, who although being compelled to surrender their charter have joined another post 5 miles away with the determination that if that fails they go to some other post and if that fails they will still join the Grand Army somewhere, even if they have to go to California. If that is our spirit there will be no need of any of us going that distance to find a place in the Grand Army, as other States will be coming to Massachusetts for another Department Encampment.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

GEORGE W. NEAD, *Department Chaplain.*

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1924.

GEORGE W. PRATT, *Department Commander.*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending Feb. 29, 1924. The following table shows the membership of the Department Dec. 31, 1923: —

Number of Posts		179
Number of Comrades in good standing Dec. 31, 1922		4,187
Number of Comrades gained by muster	2	
Number of Comrades gained by transfer	10	
Number of Comrades gained by reinstatement	19	
Total gain	—	31
Aggregate		4,218
Number of Comrades lost by death	474	
Number of Comrades lost by honorable discharge	4	
Number of Comrades lost by transfer	7	
Number of Comrades lost by suspension	12	
Number of Comrades lost by surrender of charter	35	
Number of Comrades lost by delinquent reports	73	
Total loss	—	605
Number in good standing Dec. 31, 1923		3,613
Net loss		605
There has been reported expended in relief		$15,259.69
Number of members and families relieved		108

Five Posts have signified their intention of disbanding during the year. Some of them have complied with the orders issued from Headquarters and some have not. The loss of membership and advanced ages are offered as the cause of surrendering their Charters, and while the Department Commander has exercised the authority of his office, there has been none of the Posts but what feel that it is impossible to continue.

A roll of " Comrades at Large " is opened at Headquarters for the purpose of aiding the Comrades to continue their membership in the Grand Army. Any comrade who has an honorable discharge or transfer from his Post, can, upon the payment of $1.00 yearly become a member, which entitles him to visit any Post.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED IN 1924.

	Counties.	Members.		Representatives.
District No. 1	Barnstable	30		
	Bristol	271	307	2
	Nantucket	6		
District No. 2	Plymouth		214	2
District No. 3	Norfolk		237	1
District No. 4	Suffolk		498	2
District No. 5	Essex		607	3
District No. 6	Middlesex		697	3
District No. 7	Worcester		463	2
District No. 8	Hampden		147	1
District No. 9	Berkshire	84		
	Franklin	70	260	2
	Hampshire	65		
			3,613	18

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail: —

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES.

Number of Post.	Location.	Number of Members.	Number of Post.	Location.	Number of Members.
	Barnstable County.			*Bristol County* — Con.	
132	Sandwich	9	182	Somerset	10
203	Bourne	7	190	New Bedford	64
204	Centerville	7	192	North Attleborough	12
206	Falmouth	7		Total (9 Posts)	271
	Total (6 Posts)	30		*Essex County.*	
			5	Lynn	158
	Berkshire County.		34	Salem	61
79	North Adams	26	39	Lawrence	29
125	Pittsfield	30	45	Gloucester	19
126	Adams	–	47	Haverhill	73
196	Great Barrington	6	49	Newburyport	56
197	Pittsfield	13	50	Peabody	26
209	Williamstown	9	67	Manchester	5
			82	Marblehead	30
	Total (6 Posts)	84	89	Beverly	46
			90	Danvers	25
			95	Saugus	10
	Bristol County.		99	Andover	11
1	New Bedford	30	100	Methuen	5
3	Taunton	52	101	Groveland	9
46	Fall River	40	106	Rockport	6
52	Eastondale	11	108	Georgetown	8
145	Attleboro	34	114	Merrimac	15
170	Mansfield	18	118	Swampscott	14

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Continued.*

Number of Post.	Location.	Number of Members.
	Essex County — Con.	
122	Amesbury	14
128	Ipswich	18
146	Lawrence	28
151	West Newbury	5
152	Essex	4
188	Beverly Farms	4
	Total (24 Posts)	607
	Franklin County.	
17	Orange	16
20	Colrain	4
93	Shelburne Falls	10
164	Conway	6
171	Northfield	6
174	Greenfield	28
	Total (61 Posts)	70
	Hampden County.	
16	Springfield	97
41	Westfield	20
71	Holyoke	30
	Total (5 Posts)	147
	Hampshire County.	
85	Ware	12
86	Northampton	21
147	Amherst	20
176	Huntington	12
	Total (4 Posts)	65
	Middlesex County.	
4	Melrose	33
6	Holliston	8
9	Hudson	20
12	Wakefield	28
14	Hopkinton	12
18	Ashland	5
29	Waltham	25
30	Cambridge	35
33	Woburn	3
36	Arlington	23
40	Malden	40
42	Lowell	23
43	Marlborough	24
48	Ayer	18
56	Cambridge	11
57	East Cambridge	7
	Middlesex County — Con.	
62	Newtonville	49
63	Natick	21
66	Medford	26
75	Stoneham	21
81	Watertown	13
115	Groton	5
119	Lexington	7
120	Lowell	38
138	West Acton	18
139	Somerville	50
148	Winchester	7
156	Everett	21
161	Woburn	12
163	Framingham	22
180	Concord	11
185	Lowell	38
194	Reading	16
195	East Pepperell	9
	Total (36 Posts)	697
	Nantucket County.	
207	Nantucket	6
	Total (1 Post)	6
	Norfolk County.	
58	East Weymouth	38
60	Franklin	12
72	Stoughton	30
87	South Braintree	15
88	Quincy	24
91	Foxborough	8
94	Canton	9
98	Cohasset	5
102	Milton	12
110	Randolph	21
117	Medfield	4
130	West Medway	12
133	Plainville	8
143	Brookline	17
144	Dedham	11
157	Walpole	4
169	Norwood	9
181	Needham	3
193	Avon	5
	Total (19 Posts)	237

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Concluded.*

Number of Post.	Location.	Number of Members.
	Plymouth County.	
8	Middleborough	32
13	Brockton	57
31	Scituate	12
73	Abington	14
74	Rockland	29
76	Plymouth	22
78	Whitman	25
83	Hanover	7
104	Hingham	9
111	Pembroke	6
112	Norwell	8
127	Hanson	5
154	Kingston	3
165	Duxbury	2
189	Marshfield Hills	11
208	Wareham	7
212	East Bridgewater	4
	Total (17 Posts)	214
	Suffolk County.	
2	South Boston	30
7	Boston	47
11	Charlestown	40
15	Boston	39
21	Boston	7
23	East Boston	14
26	Roxbury	46
32	South Boston	11
35	Chelsea	48
68	Dorchester	41
92	Brighton	17
113	Boston	42
121	Hyde Park	24
134	Boston	19
149	Charlestown	7
159	East Boston	7
191	Boston	30
199	Revere	10
200	Jamaica Plain	19
	Total (18 Posts)	498

Number of Post.	Location.	Number of Members.
	Worcester County.	
10	Worcester	164
19	Fitchburg	43
22	Milford	30
24	Grafton	7
25	Uxbridge	4
27	Oxford	5
37	Spencer	19
38	Brookfield	5
44	Southborough	7
51	North Brookfield	12
53	Leominster	30
54	Berlin	2
61	Webster	19
64	Clinton	15
69	Westminster	4
70	Millbury	8
77	Holden	7
80	Westborough	31
105	Upton	5
109	East Templeton	13
116	Gardner	23
123	Athol Center	17
131	Leicester	9
135	Shrewsbury	3
137	East Douglas	5
140	Athol	7
153	Winchendon	7
160	West Brookfield	8
167	Whitinsville	6
168	Southbridge	14
173	Sturbridge	9
179	Barre	9
184	Ashburnham	3
	Total (34 Posts)	463

I have during my term of office encouraged all posts to retain their organization even with only three members, as an incentive to the Department Commander during his year. There is no doubt but what some of the comrades feel somewhat depressed, but all I can say is " cheer up ", put your best foot forward and rest in the assurance that at the National Convention to be held in this city August 10, all the old life and energy shown from '61 to '65 is still with you, and do all you can to make the Comrades one grand gathering.

I extend to the Department Commander my best wishes and thank him for his many acts of kindness and comradeship extended to me.

I can only repeat to Assistant Quartermaster Wilfred A. Wetherbee what I said in the last journal. Never backward in giving me all the help I desired, he has proved himself as ever, a staunch and true comrade.

My assistant Comrade, George A. Dietz, has proved himself a worthy comrade and has been ever ready and willing to advance the interests of the department.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1924.

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the past year. The following tables, which are supported by vouchers, show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession: —

INVESTED FUNDS.

Cash on hand March 1, 1923		$3,998 99
Received interest Boston Five Cent Sav. Bank		13 28
Received interest South Boston Savings Bank		6 73
Received interest Home Savings Bank		30 74
Received interest East Cambridge Savings Bank		62 92
Received interest Warren Institution for Savings		57 33
Received interest Provident Institution for Savings		17 21
		$4,187 20
Liberty Bonds		5,000 00
Total		$9,187 20

GENERAL FUND.

Cash on hand March 1, 1923	$1,735 13	
Dues, first term	641 75	
Dues, second term	438 11	
Interest, Liberty Bonds	212 50	
Interest Fourth-Atlantic Bank	46 50	
Sale of Supplies	175 50	
Woman's Relief Corps	1,189 36	
Ladies of the G. A. R.	50 00	
Daughters of Veterans	308 00	
Sons of Veterans Auxiliary	200 00	
State of Massachusetts	1,109 21	
Sale of Banquet tickets	295 00	
Unexpended balance National Encampment	184 84	
All other sources	119 16	
		6,705 06
Total Receipts		$15,892 26
Expenditures		3,859 96
Total Cash on hand March 1, 1924		$12,032 30

March, 1923	*Expenditures.*	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	$8 50	
V. H. Blackinton & Co. Supplies	12 74	
Eben W. Pike, salary for March	125 00	
George A. Dietz, salary for March	66 66	
Incidentals, Stamped Envelopes	6 58	
		$219 48
Amount carried forward		$219 48

Amount brought forward		$219 48
April, 1923		
Henry Clark, traveling	$8 40	
W. F. Greene, Expressing	4 00	
I. Henry Newman, Floral Tribute Chaplain J. S. King	5 00	
Encampment Expenses	455 75	
Eben W. Pike, salary for April	112 50	
George A. Dietz, salary for April	66 66	
Incidental	5 00	
		657 31
May, 1923		
Bates Torrey, Stenographer	$96 00	
Emerson Co. rubber stamps	5 60	
Griffith-Stillings Press, printing	3 50	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	23 00	
O'Neil & Parker, Gr. Mr. bond	12 50	
Boston Regalia Co. Supplies	1 25	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing Rosters	95 00	
Eben W. Pike salary for May	100 00	
George A. Dietz salary for May	41 66	
Incidentals	5 34	
		383 85
June, 1923		
Eben W. Pike, salary for June	$100 00	
George A. Dietz, salary for June	41 66	
Benjamin A. Ham, traveling	2 00	
V. H. Blackinton & Co. Supplies	6 10	
Incidentals	2 90	
		152 66
July, 1923		
Eben W. Pike, salary for July	$100 00	
George A. Dietz, salary for July	41 66	
Cola D. R. Stowits, per capita tax	209 05	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	20 50	
Boston Regalia Co. Supplies	8 00	
Benjamin A. Ham, traveling	7 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telegraphing	75	
W. A. Wetherbee, expense to Milwaukee	137 22	
		524 18
August, 1923		
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	$2 00	
P. O. Dept. Envelopes	15 00	
Alex. C. Morrill printing	1 00	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	9 00	
Eben W. Pike salary for August	100 00	
George A. Dietz salary for August	41 66	
Incidentals	1 83	
Dept. Expenses to Milwaukee	550 00	
		720 49
September, 1923		
American Railway Co. Expressing	$4 02	
Wright & Potter, binding Dictionary	4 50	
Boston Regalia Co. Supplies	4 50	
Eben W. Pike, salary for September	100 00	
George A. Dietz, salary for September	41 66	
Incidentals	7 26	
		161 94
Amount carried forward		$2,819 91

Amount brought forward		$2,819 91
October, 1923		
W. A. Wetherbee, traveling	$4 00	
George W. Pratt traveling	19 50	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	30 00	
Eben W. Pike, salary for October	100 00	
George A. Dietz, salary for October	41 66	
		195 16
November, 1923		
N. E. Ry. Publishing Co., Pathfinder	$2 50	
J. Newman & Sons Inc. Floral Tribute	5 00	
Eben W. Pike salary for November	100 00	
George A. Dietz salary for November	41 66	
Benjamin A. Ham, traveling	4 55	
Boston Regalia Co. Supplies	7 35	
		161 06
December, 1923		
Griffiths-Stillings. Printing	$3 00	
A. C. Morrill, Printing	9 00	
Eben W. Pike Dec. salary	100 00	
George A. Dietz, Dec. salary	41 66	
Incidental	3 15	
		156 81
January, 1924		
Boston Regalia Co. Supplies	$8 00	
Robb, Florist, tribute to Comrade F. E. Mole	6 00	
W. F. Galgay, tribute to Comrade H. O. Marcy	5 00	
Cola D. R. Stowits, Per Capita on 3,613	180 65	
Eben W. Pike, January salary	100 00	
George A. Dietz January salary	41 66	
Incidentals	19 75	
Benjamin A. Ham, traveling	3 30	
		364 36
February, 1924		
Eben W. Pike, February salary	$100 00	
George A. Dietz February salary	41 66	
Alex. C. Morrill, Printing	21 00	
		162 66
		$3,859 96

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Dr.

On hand March 1, 1923	$486 81	
Bought during the year	53 28	
		$540 09

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Sold during the year	$175 50	
On hand March 1, 1924	250 79	
Profit and loss	113 80	
		$540 09

ASSETS.

Invested Fund:		
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank	$305 46	
South Boston Savings Bank	155 29	
Home Savings Bank	706 57	
East Cambridge Savings Bank	1,306 63	
Warren Institution for Savings	1,317 52	
Provident Institution for Savings	395 73	
		$4,187 20
Liberty Bonds		5,000 00
		$9,187 20

General Fund:		
Commonwealth Atlantic Bank	$2,828 79	
In drawer	16 31	
		$2,845 10
		$12,032 30
Value of Supplies	$250 79	
Colors	245 00	
Office Furniture	290 00	
		785 79
		$12,818 09

LIABILITIES.

None.

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Quartermaster-General.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

GREAT BARRINGTON, March 1, 1924.

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

COMRADE: — I submit the following as all the report I can make as Judge Advocate for the year 1923:

No Comrade has called upon me for legal or any kind of advice in connection with my office during the year. This proves one or the other of two things: Either that Comrades do not know that they have a legal right to call upon the Judge Advocate for assistance in his professional way or that the Comrades are so fortunately situated that they have no need of the professional services of a lawyer.

In my Report made for a previous year I suggested that the office of Judge Advocate for the Grand Army of the Department of Massachusetts should be filled by some competent Comrade of the legal profession having an office in or near to the City of Boston. Further than this it should be known that the Judge Advocate is supposed to give advice without compensation to any Comrade who needs such advice and who is in necessitous circumstances. The office should mean something to the Veterans and should be of value to any who are in need of legal advice and are in such financial condition that they cannot afford to pay for same.

I am honored by the appointment as Judge Advocate and hereby return my thanks for same but renew my suggestion that some good lawyer of Boston or vicinity for the reasons given, could probably fill the position to a better advantage of the Comrades than myself.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

HERBERT C. JOYNER.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

CHELSEA, MASS., February 11, 1924.

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

I have the honor to submit the following report of service for the year.

As Chief Mustering Officer, I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Post 2 of South Boston, Post 76 of Plymouth, Post 34 of Salem and Post 199 of Revere. Further services in this line would have been gladly accepted had opportunities presented themselves. Throughout the year I have attended all

the meetings of Suffolk County Associations as quartermaster. I have also visited a number of the Posts, Woman's Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of the G. A. R., visited the schools and talked to the scholars. It is not only a duty but a privilege to promote the interest of our Order to the best of my ability.

I desire to thank Dept. Commander Pratt for the honor he has conferred upon me, and for the many acts of kindness and courtesy which he has extended to me.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

CHAS. R. YEATON, *Chief Mustering Officer.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Stoughton, February 12, 1924.

Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

The Department Inspector submits this report. He has had no calls for the inspection of any post and made no official calls within the year. I desire to thank Department Commander George W. Pratt for the honor conferred upon me in appointing me to the office.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

JAMES McELROY, *Department Inspector.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

Boston, February 20, 1924.

Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

Dear Comrade: — By Rules and Regulations of our order I submit my report as Department Patriotic Instructor for the past year. It has been at times a great pleasure to visit our schools and patriotic orders connected with the G. A. R. and other fraternal organizations, more especially our schools in Boston. The teachers and children are very enthusiastic and greet the Comrades with such pleasure that puts pep in the spirit of the Comrades that makes the talk on Patriotism seem very easy to us and a great inspiration to the children.

It has been the custom for a number of years past for that grand order, the Woman's Relief Corps of Massachusetts, at their Convention in Boston, to present our National Colors to schools in the different towns and cities of the State who showed great efficiency and patriotic work for the flag and country. It was my pleasure with two other Comrades to attend a Flag presentation of Mary E. Connolly Tent 67, So. Boston. A large attendance of the Daughters and allied corps were present, besides 600 children of the parochial schools conducted by the mother superior, whose father was a Civil War Veteran. Songs and recitations by the scholars were highly appreciated and the silk flags were a great inspiration to the pupils. Also Corps 39 of Charlestown kept alive their devotion to the Colors and, with a large number of Comrades, presented 14 stand of Colors to the Warren School. The teachers and pupils highly appreciated the honor and promised the donors they would be placed in the different rooms so they could honor Old Glory there during their school term.

It is hoped some immediate action will be taken in relation to our Pledge to the Flag. On my trip to Milwaukee Convention I remained a few days at Cleveland, Ohio. I visited Post 141, Dept. of Ohio. Our closing ceremonies were, the commander walked to the Altar and with the Comrades with both hands clasped together, pledged allegiance to the Flag.

" We pledge allegiance to the United States Flag and to America for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all." Then one verse of America. May we hope that will be our Pledge.

I have received from the different Posts of the State nearly one hundred reports of the Post Patriotic Instructors and, while a decrease in numbers, gives great encouragement in their loyalty and devotion to the order.

My most sincere thanks to our Dept. Commander, Geo. W. Pratt, Second Vice Dept. Commander Benj. Ham and the Asst. Adj. Gen. Eben W. Pike, for their many courtesies shown me during the past year.

Most sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. H. ALMEDER, *Department Patriotic Instructor.*

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

BOSTON, March 8, 1924.

Commander GEORGE W. PRATT.

The Council of Administration for 1923–1924 respectfully presents the following report.

The first meeting was held April 23, 1923, at Department Headquarters. All present.

Called to order by Department Commander George W. Pratt.

The first business transacted related to fixing the date of the next Department Encampment. It was decided to set the time on Tuesday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 9.

The Assistant Adjutant General called attention to the death of Department Chaplain James B. King. It was voted that Rev. George W. Nead be elected to fill the vacancy.

Voted, That the Assistant Quartermaster General be delegated to make arrangements for the Department Convention.

The second meeting was held May 9, 1923. Called to order by Commander Pratt.

Resolution relative to changing the title of the Sons of Veterans was considered. No action was taken as the matter was in the hands of a Committee.

The third meeting was called to order November 21, 1923, by Commander Pratt. Voted that authority be given to Comrade Wetherbee to make arrangements for the annual banquet.

Voted, That the Department Commander and Assistant Adjutant General be a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Junior Vice Department Commander Alphonso B. Pierce.

Voted, That Comrades Fitzemeyer, Chute and Whittemore be appointed on the Auditing Committee.

Voted, That the Department Commander and the Assistant Adjutant General be a committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Junior Vice Department Commander Alphonso B. Pierce.

A motion was made that a Junior Vice Department Commander be selected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comrade Pierce, and by a unanimous vote Comrade William L. Gage of Post 87 was chosen.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

EBEN W. PIKE, *Assistant Adjutant General.*

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

GEORGE W. PRATT, *Commander.*

The auditing committee report that the books of the Assistant Quartermaster General have been examined and found correct, with vouchers for all expenditures to March 1, 1924. The cash has been verified and the total amount is $12,032.30.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

ALBERT FITZEMEYER, RUPERT J. CHUTE, *Committee.*

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During the Year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

Post 1, New Bedford.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Charles W. Ripley	Jan. 10	Private	Co. D, 22nd Mass. Infantry	Boston.
Henry K. Wing	Jan. 13	Private	Co. D, 23rd Mass. Infantry	New Bedford.
Joseph H. Pine	Jan. 22	– – –	– – –	– – –
Thomas H. Soule	Mar. 19	Private	4th Unat. Infantry	Chelsea.
John Smith	Mar. 22	U. S. Navy Seaman	Str. Powhatan	England.
Sylvester S. Bennet	Mar. 25	Private	Co. F, 3rd Mass. Heavy Artillery	Dartmouth.

Post 2, South Boston.

Henry Newman	Mar. 18	U. S. Navy	S. S. Powhatan	Jamaica.
William F. Clarke	July 14	Private	22d Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 3, Taunton.

George B. Jennings	Feb. 4	– – –	Signal Corps, Mass.	Taunton, Mass.
George W. Wilbur	Feb. 23	Private	23d Unattached Mass. Infantry	Taunton, Mass.
T. Preston Burt	Mar. 21	Private	Co. C, 22d Mass. Infantry	Berkley, Mass.
George P. Briggs	May 8	Private Corporal	Co. I, 3d M. V. M. 23d Unattached Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
John Hinchey	May 11	– – –	Marine Corps, Mass.	Ireland.
Henry L. Rawson	Aug. 16	Private	Co. B, 27th Mass. Infantry	Orange, Mass.
Eleazer A. Johnson	Sept. 28	Private	Co. A, 10th N. H. Infantry	Amesbury, Mass.

Post 4, Melrose.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Fred A. B. Lowe	Apr. 4[1]	Private	Co. K, 12th Mass. Infantry	Gloucester, Mass.
Franklin W. Greene	May 2[1]	Private	Co. I, 19th Mass. Infantry	Pittston, Maine.
Charles H. Barnes	May 31[1]	Private	Co. I, 39 Mass. Infantry	Racine, Wis.
Isaac L. Spaulding	Aug. 11[1]	Musician	Co. E, 19 Me. Infantry	Munroe, Maine.
James Pope	Sept. 12[1]	Lieutenant	Co. D, 1st Heavy Artillery	Salem, Mass.
Charles W. Burnham	Feb. 15	Private	Co. E, 2nd Vt. Infantry	Charlestown, N. H.
Wm. W. Keays	Mar. 9	Private	Co. B, 27th Me. Infantry	W. Newfield, Maine.
Geo. A. Churchill	June 29	Private	Co. E, 39 Mass. Infantry	Woodstock, Maine.

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Post 5, Lynn.

Moses D. Merrill	Jan. 9	Private	Co. B, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Landoff, N. H.
Thomas H. Berry	Nov. 15[1]	1st Lieutenant	Co. D, 8th Mass. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
George H. Allen	Feb. 3	Private	Co. G, 3d Mass. Infantry	Manchester, N. H.
John H. H. Wilson	Feb. 10	Private	Co. K, 17th Mass. Infantry	Danvers, Mass.
Christopher Metzger	Mar. 10	Private	Co. F, 35th Mass. Infantry	Germany.
Charles E. Peckham	Apr. 4	Private	Co. A, 22nd Mass. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
George W. Burrill	Apr. 27	Private	Co. B, 25 Maine Infantry	Haverhill, Mass.
Charles H. Cotting	May 27	2nd Lieutenant	Co. D, 59 Mass. Infantry	Bedford, Mass.
John E. May	June 15	Private	Co. B, 57 Mass. Infantry	Worcester.
Andrew Goodwin	June 27	Private	Co. B, 19 Mass. Infantry	Lebanon, Maine.
Moses F. Carr	July 5	Private	Co. A, 19 Mass. Infantry	West Newbury, Mass.
William H. Still	July 14	Private	Co. G, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Pittston, Me.
Knott P. Martin	Aug. 2	Private	Co. M, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Lynn, Mass.
Wallace Osborn	Aug. 5	Private	11th Unattached Mass. Infantry	– – –
Madison C. Sweetser	Nov. 3	Private	2nd Mass. Sharpshooters	Wakefield, Mass.
Henry D. Donovan	Nov. 11	Private	Co. G, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Ireland.
David Walker	Dec. 11	Private	Co. E, 53 Mass. Infantry Co. B, 4 Heavy Artillery	Scotland.
Charles H. Gilman	Dec. 27	Private	Co. F, 8th Mass. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.

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Post 8, Middleborough.

Edward P. Gore	Sept. 9	Private	Co. D, 18th Mass. Infantry	Plymouth.
John Deane	Dec. 30	Private	Co. C, 5 Mass. Infantry	E. Cambridge.
Henry L. Thomas	Nov. 29	Private	Co. E, 1 Maine Cavalry	Plympton.

Post 10, Worcester.

Charles L. Burdick	Jan. 2	– – –	Co. A, 26 Conn. Infantry	Webster, Mass.
Henry Mellen	Jan. 6	– – –	Co. E, 42 Mass. Infantry	Hardwick, Mass.
Charles A. Mayers	Jan. 9	– – –	Co. A, 25 Mass. Infantry	St. John, N. B.
Henry W. Bowers	Jan. 11	– – –	Co. F, 60 Mass. Infantry	Portland, Me.
Seth Gardner	Jan. 14	– – –	Co. B, 44 Mass. Infantry	Hanover, Me.
Elleott G. Leathers	Jan. 21	– – –	Co. F, 51 Mass. Infantry	Ashburnham, Mass.
Charles F. Pierce	Jan. 24	– – –	Co. C, 51 Mass. Infantry	Worcester, Mass.
Maurice Cahill	Feb. 10	– – –	Co. H, 9 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Elmer Parker	Feb. 19	– – –	Co. D, 13 Mass. Infantry	Hubbardston, Mass.
Charles E. Abbey	Feb. 24	– – –	Co. A, 22 N. Y. Infantry	Sidney Ct., N. Y.
Augustus P. Morse	Mar. 1	– – –	Co. C, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Hopkinton, Mass.
Alton W. Fairbanks	Mar. 9	– – –	Co. C, 15 Mass. Infantry	Boylston, Mass.
Samuel Overend	Mar. 10	– – –	Co. F, 1st Mass. Batt. Heavy Artillery	England.
Fordis O. Bushnell	Mar. 31	– – –	Co. B, 13 Vt. Infantry	Waitsfield, Vt.
Ferdinand Spokerfield	Apr. 12	– – –	Co. K, 39 Mass. Infantry	Roxbury, Mass.
Elleott H. Rich	Apr. 29	– – –	Co. F, 13 Mass. Infantry	Berlin, Mass.
Benjamin F. Hatch	May 3	– – –	Co. M, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Brookfield, Mass.
Henry D. Barber	May 9	– – –	Co. E, 31 Mass. Infantry	Worcester, Mass.
Charles H. Benchley	May 12	– – –	Co. F, 1st Mass. Battery Heavy Artillery	Worcester, Mass.
Anton Gross	May 23	– – –	Co. H, 5th R. I. Heavy Artillery	Germany.
William Hays	May 26	– – –	Co. D, 51st Mass. Infantry	England.
Joseph Riedl	June 8	Band	15 Mass. Infantry	Germany.
Horace S. Pike	June 19	– – –	Co. H, 57 Mass. Infantry	Stark, N. H.
Thomas J. Waugh	Aug. 11	– – –	Co. B, 10 Heavy Artillery	Ireland.
George E. Rice	Aug. 16	– – –	Co. E, 34 Mass. Infantry	Barre, Mass.
Frewando C. Thayer	Aug. 20	– – –	Co. A, 51 Mass. Infantry	Blackstone, Mass.
Silas B. Gifford	Sept. 8	– – –	Co. D, 18 Conn. Infantry	Walpole, Mass.
David A. Mathews	Sept. 12	– – –	3d Mass. Battery	Boston, Mass.
William F. Whitney	Sept. 26	– – –	Co. E, 36 Mass. Infantry	Boylston, Mass.
Henry H. Knight	Oct. 4	– – –	Co. F, 15 Mass. Infantry	Charlton, Mass.
James E. Wilson	Oct. 16	– – –	Co. H, 10 Mass. Infantry	Hebron, N. Y.
George W. Hubbard	Oct. 18	– – –	Co. E, 3d Me. Infantry	Hallowell, Me.
Daniel Dockham	Nov. 18	– – –	Co. K, 2d N. H. Infantry	Gilford, N. H.
Joseph Deschamps	Nov. 21	– – –	Co. H, 17th Vt. Infantry	Canada.
Davis Guild	Nov. 27	– – –	13th Unatt. Co. Mass. Infantry	Augusta, Me.
T. Spencer Jenks	Nov. 30	– – –	Co. F, 1st Mass. Battery Heavy Artillery	No. Brookfield, Mass.
Joseph A. Burgess	Dec. 7	– – –	Co. E, 42d Mass. Infantry	Walpole, Mass.
George A. Jordon	Dec. 10	– – –	Co. C, 34th Mass. Infantry	Millbury, Mass.

Post 12, Wakefield.

James F. Mansfield	Jan. 1	Lieutenant Colonel	16th Mass. Infantry 11 Mass. Battery	So. Reading, Mass.
Oliver G. Sanborn	Apr. 5	Band	11th N. H. Infantry	Newfields, N. H.
Alfred W. Danforth	Oct. 11	Private	Co. E, 50th Mass. Infantry	Amherst, N. H.
William D. Deadman	Oct. 28	Private	Co. E, 8 Mass. Infantry	So. Reading, Mass.

Post 13, Brockton.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Geo. W. Cole	Jan. 28	Private	Co. A, 39 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Timothy Conboye	Mar. 4	Marine Corps	– – –	Ireland.
Albert Howland	May 14	Private	Co. L, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Hanson, Mass.
Adam Jones	May 16	Private	Co. E, 35th Mass. Infantry	Randolph, Mass.
Wm. E. Cobbett	May 25	Private	Co. A, 4th Mass. Infantry / Co. G, 29th Mass. Infantry	Canton, Mass.
Frank W. Luce	June 16	Private	Co. E, 18th Mass. Infantry	M. Vineyard, Mass.
Truman H. Huntress	July 6	Private	Co. D, 39th Mass. Infantry	Quincy, Mass.
Joshua H. Ryder	July 21	Seaman	U. S. Navy	Provincetown, Mass.
Stanton F. Bourne	Aug. 1	Seaman	U. S. Navy	Falmouth, Mass.
N. D. Toppan	Aug. 5	Private	Co. A, 48th Mass. Infantry	Newburyport, Mass.
Marcellus Caulkins	Sept. 15	Private	Co. D, 71st N. Y. Infantry	W. Bridgewater, Mass.
Henry A. Willis	Oct. 31	Sergeant	Co. A, 35th Mass. Infantry	Easton, Mass.
Marcus Holmes	Nov. 14	Private	Co. D, 18th Mass. Infantry	Bridgewater, Mass.

Post 14, Hopkinton.

James B. King	Apr. 17	Captain	3rd Penn. Artillery	Gettysburg, Penn.
Daniel Mullen	May 22	Private	Co. G, 5th N. H. Infantry	Ireland.

Post 15, Boston.

Charles O. Hanscom	Jan. 13	Private	Co. C, 2nd Maine Cavalry	Maine.
Amos L. Barnes	Jan. 21	Private	Co. C, 46th Mass. Infantry	Mass.
Joseph G. Layfield	Feb. 12	Private	Co. F, 6th Mass. Infantry	Mass.
Charles W. Segee	Nov. 15[1]	Private	30th Mass. Infantry	Mass.
Martin V. Lord	May 16	Private	Co. A, 3rd Maine Infantry	Maine.
George Loomer	May 26	Seaman	U. S. S. Gemsbok	Mass.
Joseph G. Irons	June 13	Private	Co. H, 2nd R. Island Heavy Artillery	Rhode Island.
Timothy Sullivan	Sept. 26	"Boy"	U. S. S. Sabine	Mass.

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Post 16, Springfield.

James E. Robbins	Jan. 2	–	–	–	Co. E, 12 Conn. Infantry	–	–	–
Richard B. Slater	Feb. 8	–	–	–	Co. H, 80 N. Y. Infantry	–	–	–
George W. Cooley	Mar. 8	–	–	–	Mass. U. S. A.	–	–	–
Halsey H. Adams	Mar. 14	–	–	–	Co. F, 12 Maine Infantry	–	–	–
Charles D. Jones	Apr. 1	–	–	–	Co. A, 88 Ohio Infantry 30 Mass. U. S. A.	–	–	–
Owen R. Vesper	Apr. 7	–	–	–	Co. F, 3 Vermont Infantry	–	–	–
G. W. H. H. Whitney	Apr. 28	–	–	–	Co. A, 1 Mass. Cavalry	–	–	–
Albert R. Rice	Apr. 30	Surgeon			1 Mass. Cav. and U. S. N.	–	–	–
Elias S. Keyes	May 29	–	–	–	Co. I, 27 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Charles H. Mead	May 31	–	–	–	Co. H, 8 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
John W. Grout	June 8	–	–	–	Co. D, 46 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
John F. E. Chamberlain	June 19	–	–	–	Co. A, 46 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
John C. Condon	June 21	–	–	–	Co. C, 5 U. S. Art.	–	–	–
Warren S. Buxton	June 29	–	–	–	Co. K, 27 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Francis S. Graves	July 29	–	–	–	Co. A, 46 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Philip S. Moxom	Aug. 13	–	–	–	Co. C, 17 Ill. Cavalry	–	–	–
Theodore W. Shaw	Sept. 19	–	–	–	Co. F, 46 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
George D. Shaw	Oct. 4	–	–	–	Co. E, 36 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Daniel B. Stedman	Oct. 7	–	–	–	Co. H, 16 Vermont Infantry	–	–	–
Ansel H. Ward	Oct. 8	–	–	–	Co. I, 10 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Thomas Tubman	Nov. 14	–	–	–	Co. G, 19 Md. and U. S. N.	–	–	–

Post 17, Orange.

John C. Halsten	Feb. 18	Private	Co. D, 15 Mass. Infantry	Portland, Me.

Post 19, Fitchburg.

Simon M. Nudd	Mar. 1	Private	Co. E, 24 Maine Infantry	Gardiner, Me.
George A. French	Mar. 26	Private	Co. H, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Great Falls, N. H.
George J. Allen	Apr. 12	Private	Co. I, 9th N. H. Infantry	Rindge, N. H.
Thomas Sergerson	Apr. 13	Private	Co. G, 5th R. I. Infantry	Ireland.
Martin Sanderson	Apr. 19	Private	Co. K, 4th Maryland Infantry	Wiscasset, Me.
Alvin O. Stickney	Apr. 21	Private	Co. A, 53 Mass. Infantry	Fitchburg, Mass.
Gorden C. Smart	Apr. 27	Private	Co. E, unknown	Lenier, Ill.
Thomas Marsh	May 20	Private	Co. B, 53d Mass. Infantry	Hingham, Mass.

Post 25, Uxbridge.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Stephen Rice	Dec. 14	Private	Co. E, 7th R. I. Infantry	Manchester, England.

Post 26, Roxbury.

Isaac N. Chickering	Jan. 6	Corporal	1st Maine Light Artillery Co. I, 8 Mass. Infantry	Pembroke, Maine.
James B. Kelleher	Feb. 11	Private	Co. B, 62 Mass. Infantry Co. A, 48 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
James H. Burrell	Apr. 21	Private	Co. G, 60 Mass. Infantry Co. A, 6 Mass. Infantry	Abington, Mass.
George W. Little	Apr. 24	Private	Co. A, 62 Mass. Infantry Co. C, 4 U. S. Cavalry	Concord, N. H.

Post 29, Waltham.

Edward I. Fisher	Apr. 5	Corporal	Unattached Company Mass. Infantry	– – –
Michael Gordon	July 28	Private	Co. K, 146 N. Y. Infantry	– – –

Post 30, Cambridge.

Allen B. M. Hildreth	Mar. 9	Private	Co. H, 56th N. Y. Infantry	New York City.
William A. Stevens	Mar. 13	Landsman	U. S. Navy	Cambridge, Mass.
Warren J. Davis	May 22	Private	Co. I, 1st N. H. Cavalry	Concord, N. H.
Charles P. Cox	July 31	Private	Co. A, 1st N. H. Battery	N. H.

Post 31, Scituate.

Francis B. Lee	Aug. 8	Private	Co. C, 4 Heavy Artillery	Scituate.
I. D. Damon	Sept. 23	Private	Co. F, 43 Infantry	Scituate.

Post 32, South Boston.

James F. Farrell	Apr. –	Regt. Q. M. S.	Co. F, 19th Mass. Infantry	S. Boston.
Wm. McCarthy	Sept. 26	Private	Co. E, 3 Heavy Artillery	Boston.
James Hagan	Oct. 12	Private	Co. E, 7th R. I. Infantry	Boston.

Post 33, Woburn.

John F. Larkin	Aug. 12	Private	Co. N, 4 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
James Kernon	Dec. 18	Private	Co. C, 12 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.

Post 34, Salem.

Benj. L. Pevier	Feb. 13	Private	Co. D, 3rd Regt. Heavy Artillery	Salem, Mass.
Wm. F. Daniels	Apr. 18	Sergeant	Co. F, 23rd Mass. Infantry	Salem, Mass.
Peter B. Doliber	May 20	Private	Co. B, 8th Mass. Infantry	Marblehead, Mass.
John Dundas	June 21	Private	18th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Wm. R. Austin	Aug. 2	Private	Co. F, 23rd Mass. Infantry	Salem.
Chas. H. Webber	Nov. 9	Drummer	Co. G, 23 Mass. Infantry	Beverly, Mass.
Benj. H. Blaney	Dec. 4	Private	Co. A, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Marblehead, Mass.

Post 35, Chelsea.

Charles E. Brown	Jan. 21	–	–	–	4th Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
Samuel C. Davis	Jan. 27	–	–	–	Stafford Guards, N. H.	–	–	–
Albert H. Roberts	Jan. 28	–	–	–	4th Unattached Co. Infantry	–	–	–
Charles A. Littlefield	Feb. 17	–	–	–	3rd Mass. Cavalry	–	–	–
Edward A. Sellon	Feb. 19	–	–	–	16th Unat. Co. Infantry	–	–	–
Nicholas McGrane	May 20	–	–	–	U. S. Navy	–	–	–
Thomas S. Carroll	Aug. 16	–	–	–	3rd Mass. Battery	–	–	–
George Davis	Sept. 24	–	–	–	3rd Mass. Cavalry	–	–	–
William A. Gardner	Dec. 17	–	–	–	12 Mass. Infantry / U. S. S. Benton	–	–	–

Post 36, Arlington.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Henry Quick	Oct. 12	Seaman	U. S. Navy	St. John, N. B.
George A. Locke	Oct. 18	Private	Co. D, 6th Mass. Infantry	Belmont.
Frank D. Chant	Oct. 16	Corporal	11 Mass. Light Battery	Waltham.
James A. Cooper	June 8	Private	Co. D, 44 Mass. Infantry	Fitchburg.

Post 37, Spencer.

Daniel Durning	Mar. 31	Private	Co. A, 6th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Albert F. Snow	June 29	Private	Co. C, 25th Mass. Infantry	Paxton.
Charles A. Ware	Nov. 18	Private	16th Ind. Infantry	Oakham.
George L. Smith	Dec. 29	Private	Co. E, 35th Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 39, Lawrence.

H. Willard Foster	Apr. 19	Private	Co. B, 3 Mass. Cavalry	No Record.
Portal M. Black	Nov. 4	Private	Co. C, 7 Maine Infantry	No Record.
Edward P. Hindman	Nov. 24	Private	Co. G, 11 Mass. Infantry	No Record.
Samuel Atkinson	Jan. 22	Private	Unattached Co.	No Record.
William C. Allen	– –	Private	Co. C, 12 Maine Infantry	No Record.
Charles E. Knowles	– –	Private	Co. G, 12 Maine Infantry	No Record.
Greenleaf Sweatt	– –	Private	Co. K, 1 N. H. Infantry	No Record.
John B. Cambell	– –	Corporal E,	Co. E, 19 Maine Infantry	No Record.
Robert Elliott	– –	–	– –	No Record.
Charles Jenkins	Dec. 21[1]	Sergeant	Co. B, 27 Maine Infantry	No Record.
Edson Grosbank	June 2[2]	Private	Co. M, 20 N. Y. Cavalry	– – –
William Bastine	Dec. 31[2]	Private	Co. F, 1 R. I. Light Artillery	– – –

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Post 40, Malden.

Geo. W. Woodbury	Jan. 16	– – –	Co. D, 2nd D. C. Infantry	– – –
Francis L. Fuller	Feb. 19	Musician	21st Mass. Infantry	– – –
Harrison Crane	May 17	Sergeant	60th Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 41, Westfield.

Lucius G. Fox	Jan. 30	Private	Co. G, 34th Mass. Infantry	Westfield, Mass.

Post 43, Marlborough.

Louis P Curtis	Dec. 29	Q. M. Sergeant	Co. I, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Chicopee, Mass.
J. Frank Child	Apr. 7	Private	Co. H, 39th Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, Mass.
H. K. W. Andrews	Aug. 27	Private	Co. I, 5th Mass. Infantry	Claremont, N. H.

Post 44, Southborough.

Hiram P. Ring	Nov. 11	Private	10 Mass. Light Artillery	Maine.

Post 45, Gloucester.

William H. Parker	Apr. 7	Seaman	Ship unknown	Wilmington, Mass.
William H. Jordon	July 2	Corporal	Co. G, 8th Mass. Infantry	Gloucester.
Allen Robinson	Sept. 21	Private	Co. G, 8th Mass. Infantry	Gloucester.

Post 46, Fall River.

Joseph J. Farwell	Jan. 2	– – –	34th Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
Henry A. Stone	Jan. 18	– – –	204th Penn. Infantry	Fall River.
Daniel J. Harrington	Feb. 6	– – –	3rd Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
George Lewin	Feb. 10	– – –	22 Mass. Infantry	– – –
William Hargraves	Feb. 13	– – –	5 Unatt'd Co. Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
Thomas Flannery	Feb. 16	– – –	33 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Stephen Brayton	Feb. 19	– – –	3 Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
Bradford D. Davol	Apr. 22	– – –	5 Unattached Infantry	Fall River.
Frank H. Channell	Apr. 24	– – –	4 Unattached Infantry	Fall River.
Wm. H. Brockelherst	Aug. 4	– – –	21 Unattached Infantry	Fall River.
Elisha W. Buffinton	Sept. 11	Private	Co. D, 60 Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
Thomas E. Linnehan	Sept. 11	– – –	23 Mass. Infantry	Fall River.
Adolphus Rich	Nov. 14	– – –	2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery	Fall River.

Post 48, Ayer.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Augustus Lovejoy	Feb. 3	Private	Co. H, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Merrimack, N. H.
Olando P. Robinson	Mar. 24	Private	Co. E, 31 Maine Infantry	Vassalboro, Me.
Francis Lovejoy	Dec. 12	Lieutenant	Co. H, 7 N. H. Infantry	Milford, N. H.

Post 49, Newburyport.

Francis E. Coffin	Feb. 2	Private	Co. A, 8th Mass. Infantry	Newburyport.
Jonathan B. Curran	Feb. 12	Private	Co. C, 48th Mass. Infantry	Newburyport.
Charles M. Greene	Mar. –	Musician	3d Unattached Infantry	Newburyport.
George E. Shute	July 14	Seaman	U. S. S. Wabash, Navy	Newburyport.
Aaron Sweet	Sept. 15	Private	Co. A, 22d Maine Infantry	Amesbury.
Alfred Curran	Nov. 11	Private	3d Unattached Infantry	Newburyport.

Post 50, Peabody.

John O'Connell	Feb. 26	Private	Co. B, 17th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Geo. H. Abbott	Mar. 29	Private	Co. I, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	York, Me.
Hersey D. Larrabee	Apr. 21	Private	Co. B, 23 Mass. Infantry	Danvers.
Perley Galeucia	Aug. 9	Private	Co. B, 17 Mass. Infantry	So. Danvers.
Geo. H. Chaplin	Sept. 7	Private	Co. D, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Danvers.
Chas. H. Smart	Aug. 9	Private	Co. I, 1st N. H. Infantry	Concord, N. H.

Post 51, North Brookfield.

Thomas M. Young	Sept. –	Private	Co. B, 6 Conn. Infantry	Ashford, Ct.
Henry H. Bush	Sept. 25	Sergeant	Co. B, 27 Mass. Infantry	New Braintree, Mass.

Post 53, Leominster.

Herbert L. Cheney	Dec. 22	Private	Co. D, 15 Mass. Infantry	Paxton.
Charles C. Cook	Mar. 12	Musician	1st & 28 Mass. Infantry	Northborough.
Joseph G. Eaton	Apr. 21	Musician	1st Mass. Cavalry	Leominster.
Charles W. Nourse	Aug. 28	Private	Co. K, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Bolton.
Luther S. Hapgood	Nov. 17	Private	Cos. A, F, 15 & 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery	Sterling.

Post 54, Berlin.

Everett A. Hebard	Sept. 29	Private	Co. F, 15 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
William L. Osgood	May 1	Private	Co. C, 4th Mass. Cavalry	–	–	–
Alexander Tevyan	May 31	Private	Co. A, 5 Vermont Infantry	–	–	–

Post 56, Cambridge.

Arno W. Glidden	Apr. 28	–	–	–	Ship Octorora	Ellsworth, Me.
Wm. H. H. Howe	Oct. 19	–	–	–	Co. B, 13th Mass. Infantry	Orange, Mass.
Kenney C. Lowell	Dec. 20	–	–	–	11th Maine Infantry	Bucksport, Me.

Post 62, Newton.

Alvah A. Libby	Feb. 19	Private	Co. A, 1st Maine Battalion			Portland.
Richard E. Ashenden	Mar. –	Private	Co. F, 44th Mass. Infantry			Chatham, England.
Fred A. O'Connor	Mar. 14	–	–	–	U. S. Navy	Boston.
Thomas Pickthall	Sept. 9	Private	Co. K, 42d Mass. Infantry U. S. Navy			Boston.
Wm. J. Holmes	Sept. 23	Private	Co. G, 5th Mass. Cavalry			Pittsburgh, Penn.
Geo. H. Haynes	Oct. 16	Private	Co. F, 45th Mass. Infantry			Wayland, Mass.
Geo. L. Johnson	Oct. 20	Private	Co. K, 42d Mass. Infantry			Amherst, Mass.
Michael Cannon	Dec. 10	Private	U. S. Navy Co. H, 1st Mass. Cavalry			Newton.

Post 63, Natick.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Fayette E. Travis	Jan. 5	Private	Co. I, 39th Mass. Infantry	Natick, Mass.
Samuel W. Mann	May 11	Captain	Co. F, 4th Heavy Artillery	Langdon, Vt.
Warren B. Langmaid	June 4	Private	Co. E, 1st N. H. Heavy Artillery	Chichester, N. H.
Daniel Sheehan	Sept. 9	Musician	Co. C, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
John R. McCutchins	Sept. 24	Private	Co. H, 13th Mass. Infantry	Eastport, Me.
Alphonzo B. Pierce	Nov. 10	Corporal	Co. E, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Somersworth, N. H.
George H. Ring	Nov. 11	Private	Co. B, 17th Vt. Infantry	Jay, Me.
John W. Butler	Nov. 15	Private	Co. C, 27th N. Y. Infantry	Binghamton, N. Y.
John E. Stone	Nov. 28	Private	Co. K, 42d Mass. Infantry	Natick, Mass.

Post 66, Medford.

Edward F. Smith	Jan. 13	Private	Co. D, 5th Mass. Infantry	Boston.
James H. Burpee	Feb. 8	Private	Co. K, 9th N. H. Infantry	New London, N. H.
Albert A. Samson	Mar. 9	Captain	Co. C, 39th Mass. Infantry	Medford.
Hodizah L. Tisdale	Mar. 28	Private	18th Unattached Mass.	Taunton.
John L. Brockway	Sept. 24	Private	Co. C, 1st Mass. Cavalry	Bradford, N. H.
Frank O. Waterman	June 10	Private	Co. H, 5th Mass. Infantry	Medford.

Post 67, Manchester.

Robert T. Lucas	Aug. 9	Sergeant	Co. D, 24th M. V. Infantry	Manchester.

Post 68, Dorchester.

Lemuel Pitts	Jan. 7	Private	Co. A, 36 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Willard S. Farrington	Feb. 3	Private	Co. I, 42 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Geo. F. Morse	Apr. 13	Private	Co. K, 16 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Edward J. Morrell	May 12	Private	Co. F, 11 Maine Infantry	– – –
L. E. Kimball	May 13	Private	Co. E, 28 Maine Infantry	– – –
Joseph W. Allen	Oct. 25	Private	Co. D, 62 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Myron J. Chaffee	Dec. 17	Private	Co. B, 18 Conn. Infantry	– – –

Post 69, Westminster.

Winfield H. Scott	July 7	Private	Co. L, 4th Mass. Cavalry	Westminster.

Post 71, Holyoke.

Peter Gilligan	Jan. 2	Private	Co. H, 52 Mass. Infantry Co. K, 106 N. Y. Infantry	England.
John A. Davis	May 13	Corporal	Co. A, 94 N. Y. Infantry	Constableville, New York.
James Phillips	Dec. 21	Private	Co. H, 19 Maine Infantry	Winslow, Maine.

Post 72, Stoughton.

Herbert O. Holmes	Mar. 8	Private	29th Co. Un. Mass. Heavy Artillery	Stoughton, Mass.
George E. Pond	Mar. 31	Musician	Co. A, 8th Maine Infantry	Augusta, Maine.
J. Elmer Talbot	Oct. 4	Private	Co. A, 4th Mass. Infantry 23d Un. Co. Mass. Infantry	Stoughton, Mass.
Alonzo T. Raymond	Nov. 17	Private	Co. E, 35th Mass. Infantry	Randolph, Mass.
Cornelius F. Smith	Nov. 17	Private	Co. K, 28th Maine Infantry Co. I, 2nd Maine Cavalry	New Sharon, Maine.
Jonathan Warren Shaw	Dec. 24	Private	Co. K, 3d Mass. Infantry Co. G, 45th Mass. Infantry Co. D, 2nd Mass. Heavy Artillery	Wareham, Mass.
Samuel Sharp	Dec. 26	Private	Co. D, 55th Mass. Infantry	Harrellsville, N. C.
William A. Watts	Dec. 31	Private	Co. I, 8th Mass. Infantry	Easton, Mass.

Post 74, Rockland.

Edward W. Sargent	Jan. 1	Private	16th Mass. Light Artillery	Boston.
Nathan F. Studly	Feb. 8	Private	2d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Abington
John S. Dunn	July 6	Private	Co. A, 60 Mass. Infantry	Abington.
Andrew H. Studly	Oct. 22	Private	Co. G, 43 Mass. Infantry	Abington.
Lorenzo Pool	Oct. 25	Private	3d Maryland Vol. Infantry Sappers & Miners	East Abington.
James F. McConney	Dec. 30	Private	20th Unattached Infantry	Abington.

Post 78, Whitman.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
John M. Stetson	Jan. 25	Private	Co. E, 4th Mass. Infantry	– – –
Owen F. Bumpus	Feb. 1	Private	Co. B, 24 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Benj. S. Atwood	Apr. 26	Sergeant	3d Mass. Infantry	– – –
Lyman N. Caswell	May 8	Corporal	Co. F, 29 Mass. Infantry	– – –
John C. Newton	Oct. 3	2nd Lieutenant	Co. I, Heavy Artillery	– – –
Leverett P. Clark	Oct. 3	Private	Co. B, 15 Conn. Infantry	– – –
Nelson V. Hutchinson	Dec. 5	Private	Co. K, 7 Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 79, North Adams.

D. M. Bullock	Mar. 23	Private	Co. H, 2d Vt. Infantry	Readsboro, Vt.
Wm. E. Conrad	Feb. –	Private	Co. E, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	No. Adams, Mass.
Frank Hulgate	May 18	Private	Co. B, 118 N. Y. Infantry	Plattsburg, N. Y.
Edward A. Knopf	Sept. 3	Private	Co. I, 123 N. Y. Infantry	Albany, N. Y.
Henry G. Seegar	Nov. 23	Sergeant	Co. A, 2d Vt. Infantry	Germany.
John W. Illingworth	Dec. 25	Private	Co. D, 61st Mass. Infantry	Lowell, Mass.

Post 80, Westborough.

John Cusick	Unknown	Private	1st Maine Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
George A. Ferguson	Oct. 27	Private	Co. C, 34 Mass. Infantry	Troy, Maine.

Post 81, Watertown.

Charles H. Dean	Apr. 6	Private	Co. G, 47 Mass. Infantry	Boston.
		Seaman	U. S. Navy	
Edgar F. Roby	Mar. 1	Private	Co. D, 6 N. J. Infantry	– – –
George W. Harris	May 1	Private	Co. I, 10 R. I. Infantry	– – –
William H. Benjamin	Oct. 28	Private	Co. D, 1st Mass. Infantry	Concord, Mass.

Post 85, Ware.

Daniel Otis Holden	Aug. 25	Private	Co. I, 34th Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 86, Northampton.

Horace Holbrook	Jan. 8	Private	Co. E, 52 Mass. Infantry	Ashfield.
Elbridge G. Southwick	Jan. 29	Private	Co. E, 52 Mass. Infantry	Mooers, New York.
Martin L. Hunt	Apr. 10	Private	Co. I, 3rd New Hampshire Infantry	Ireland.
George D. Jewett	Nov. 5	Lieutenant	13th Michigan Battery	Troy, New York.

Post 87, Braintree.

James F. Donahue	Feb. 23	Private	Co. C, 4th Mass. Vol. Infantry	Ireland.
James T. Stevens	Mar. 16	Captain	Co. C, 42 Mass. Infantry	Braintree.
Chas. G. Andrews	May 17	Private	Co. E, 12 Mo. Infantry	Oldtown, Maine.
Henry B. Whitman	May 29	Private	Co. B, 37 Mass. Infantry	Pembroke.
Luther Scribner	June 6	Captain	Co. B, 4th Mass. Cavalry	Salem, Mass.

Post 88, Quincy.

Theodore B. Thomas	Jan. 21	Private	11th Mass. Battery	Quincy.
William H. Eastman	Feb. 20	– – –	U. S. Navy	Stowe, Mass.
Edward A. Spear	Feb. 22	Private	Co. B, 60th Mass. Infantry	Quincy, Mass.
Joseph A. Lapham	Aug. 7	Private	Co. H, 4th Mass. Infantry Co. K, 18th Mass. Infantry	Quincy, Mass.
Mark E. Hanson	Nov. 5	Private	22nd and 32nd Mass. Infantry	Hollis, Me.
James Markey	Dec. 6	Private	Co. F, 3rd Heavy Artillery	Ireland.
		Landsman	U. S. Navy	

Post 89, Beverly.

George A. Herrick	Jan. 17	Private	2d Unattached Co. Mass. Infantry Co. E, 8th Mass. Infantry	Beverly.
Issachar Foster	Jan. 24	Private	2d Unattached Co. Mass.	Beverly.
Gideon B. Moore	Oct. 2	Private	2 Unattached Co. Mass.	Salem.
David S. Ramsdell	Oct. 22	Private	Co. G, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Marblehead.
Benjamin F. Cressey	Dec. 29	Private	Co. K, 40th Mass. Infantry	Beverly.

Post 90, Danvers.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
John M. Merrill	Jan. 1	Private	Co. A, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	– – –
John Ambrose	Aug. 30	Private	Co. A, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	– – –
Lyman D. Crosby	Jan. 30	Private	Co. A, 5 Mass. Infantry	– – –
J. Frank Whipple	Mar. 19	Private	Co. L, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	– – –
Thomas Hartman	Nov. 22	Private	Co. C, 17 Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

Samuel Woffenden	June –	Private	Co. C, 27 Mass. Infantry	England.

Post 94, Canton.

William A. Hunt	Oct. 26	Private	Co. A, 4 Mass. Infantry	Canton, Mass.

Post 95, Saugus.

Albert W. Little	Feb. 27	Landsman	U. S. S. "National Guard"	– – –
Elnathan P. Shaw	Apr. 13	Captain of Hold	S. S. "Roanoke," "Galena," "Seminole"	– – –

Post 99, Andover.

Joseph T. Lovejoy	Feb. 22	– – –	– – – –	– – –
Archibald Higgins	Nov. 1	– – –	– – – –	– – –

Post 100, Methuen.

Samuel Turkington	May 7	Private	Co. B, 14 Heavy Artillery	Methuen.
Joseph E. Buswell	Nov. 29	Lieutenant	Co. B, 14 Heavy Artillery	Methuen.

Post 102, Milton.

James Farrell	Dec. 3	Private	Co. D, 9th Mass. Infantry	Cambridge, Mass.

Post 104, Hingham.

Alfred A. Lincoln	Sept. 13	Private	Co. E, 32nd Mass. Infantry	Hingham.
Samuel A. Cushing	Oct. 22	Private	Co. A, 42nd Mass. Infantry	Boston.
Albert M. Macomber	Dec. 9	Private	Co. G, 23 Mass. Infantry	North Prescott.

Post 109, East Templeton.

Eugene Lincoln	Oct. 28	Private	Co. K, 8 Vt. Infantry	Charlestown, Mass.

Post 110, Randolph.

Elbridge J. Hadley	May 15	Corporal	Co. A, 16th Mass. Infantry	Charlestown, Mass.
Henry H. Shedd	Dec. 24	Private	Co C, 4th Mass. Infantry Co. K, 38 Mass. Infantry	Braintree, Mass.

Post 111, Pembroke.

James H. Dwelly	May 16	Landsman	U. S. Ship Ohio	- - -

Post 112, Norwell.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Augustus Hatch	June 28	Captain	35 Mass. Infantry	Medford, Mass.

Post 113, Boston.

George H. Graves	Mar. 23	Sergeant	Co. G, 8th Vermont Infantry	West Fairlee, Vt.
Luke R. Landy	Apr. 14	Corporal	Co. F, 1st Mass. Infantry	Manhattanville, N. Y.
William H. Alline	Apr. 21	Private	Co. G, 44 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Henry J. Bardwell	June 1	Sergeant	Co. D, 27 Mass. Infantry	Troy, N. Y.
Augustus C. Jordan	June 5	Private	Co. A, 43 Mass. Infantry	Roxbury, Mass.
John B. Lewis	Nov. 14	Private	Co. E, 44 Mass. Infantry	Wilmington, Mass.
Charles W. C. Rhoades	Dec. 7	Captain	Co. D, 1st Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Dr. William Rogers	Dec. 23	Ensign	Navy	Hampden, Maine.

Post 114, Merrimac.

F. W. Carter	Sept. 19	Private	Co. I, 60 Mass. Infantry	Exeter, N. H.
M. P. Brew	Aug. 23	Private	Co. C, 10 Mass. Infantry	Ireland.

Post 116, Gardner.

C. H. Newton	Jan. 10	Private	Co. C, 1st Mass. Cavalry	So. Gardner, Mass.
John Lackey	Mar. 3	Private	Co. K, 13th Mass. Infantry	Hopkinton.
Edward Coolidge	Mar. 25	Private	Co. G, 10th Mass. Vol. Infantry	Erving.
Samuel B. Clark	Apr. 18	Private	Co. L, 1st Vt. Cavalry	Spencer.
Robert Ballantine	Apr. 24	Private	Co. G, 21st Mass. Infantry	Belfast, Ireland.
David F. Pratt	May 5	Private	Co. G, 13th N. H. Infantry	Marlboro, N. H.

Post 118, Swampscott.

John R. Merritt	Nov. 19	Private	Co. F, 2nd Mass. Infantry	Marblehead.

Post 119, Lexington.

Chas. G. Kauffmann	Mar. 12	Sergeant	Co. F, 158 Reg. N. Y. Infantry	Germany.

Post 120, Lowell.

William L. Dickey	Jan. 23	1st Sergeant	Co. C, 25th Me. Infantry	Portland, Me.
Patrick Halpin	Jan. 24	Corporal	Co. A, 26 Me. Infantry Co. E, 14 Vet. Res. Corps	Newfoundland.
Charles H. Robbins	Mar. 3	Private	Co. G, 47 Mass. Infantry	Carlisle, Mass.
Joseph H. Corliss	Apr. 8	Private	Co. M, 1st N. H. Heavy Artillery	Berwick, Me.
Frank E. Butler	July 3	Sergeant	Co. I, 13 N. H. Infantry	Pelham, N. H.
Jason W. Crosby	Aug. 21	Corporal	Co. C, 1st Front Cavalry	Lowell, Mass.
Walter S. Jewett	Nov. 25	Private	Co. D, 2nd Me. Cavalry	Solon, Me.
Isaac Frink	Dec. 31[1]	Private	Co. A, 5th Me. Infantry	Gorham, Me.

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Post 121, Hyde Park.

Jonathan Marston Blood	Apr. 24	Private	Co. E, 19th Mass. Infantry	East Boston.

Post 122, Amesbury.

Warren E. George	Oct. 30	Private	Co. H, 6 Mass. Infantry	Danville, N. H.

Post 125, Pittsfield.

Dwight E. Parker	Jan. 30	Private	Co. D, 29th Mass. Infantry	Pittsfield, Mass.
Lyman J. Read	Mar. 17	Private	Co. A, 49th Mass. Infantry	Pittsfield.
Wm. H. Cranston	May 13	Private	Co. C, 49th Mass. Infantry	Lee, Mass.
Thomas Joyce	Aug. 16	Private	Co. K, 8th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
James F. Grover	Nov. 1	Private	Co. A, 54 Mass. Infantry	Pittsfield.

Post 126, Adams.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Daniel Lewis	Mar. 9	Private	Co. E, 37 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Horace M. Sheldon	Apr. 2	Private	Co. G, 49 Mass. Infantry	– – –
Jos. Lafountain	Aug. 5	Private	Co. I, 153 New York Infantry	– – –
Francis E. Mole	Dec. 29	Private	Co. B, 8 Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 127, Hanson.

Isaac Bourne	Mar. 30	Private	Co. D, 58th Mass. Infantry	Hanson.
Edwin W. Pratt	July 2	Corporal	Co. H, 18th Mass. Infantry	Hanson.

Post 128, Ipswich.

George F. Grant	Aug. 14	Private	Co. A, 3d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Ipswich.
		Seaman	U. S. N.	
Temple Cutler	Jan. 29	Chaplain	9 Mass. Infantry	Lynn.

Post 130, West Medway.

Lewis G. Stone	Mar. 25	Private	Co. H, 27 Maine Infantry	Newfield, Me.
Luman W. Gilmore	May 4	Private	Co. K, 44 Mass. Infantry	Walpole, Mass.

Post 132, Sandwich.

William W. Bourne	Apr. 1	Private	Co. D, 22d N. Y. Infantry Co. F, 2d Mass. Artillery	Beverly, N. J.

Post 139, Somerville.

John C. Ames	Feb. 21	Private	Co. I, 1st Maine Infantry	Portland, Me.
John W. Staniford	Mar. 4	Private	Co. C, 43d Mass. Infantry	E. Cambridge.
Allen F. Carpenter	Mar. 26	Private	Co. H, 12th Vermont Infantry	Waterford, Vt.
Orrin H. Webber	May 4	Private	Co. C, 1st Mass. Cavalry	Blue Hill, Me.
James F. Whitney	Oct. 25	Drummer	Co. I, 5th Mass. Cavalry	Albany, N. Y.
William H. Marston	Dec. 4	Private	Co. I, 4th Mass. Cavalry	Gloucester, Mass.

Post 140, Athol.

S. D. Barrett	Aug. 1	Private	Co. C, 51 Mass. Infantry	–	–	–
C. W. Snow	Oct. 18	Private	Co. B, 5 Conn. Infantry	–	–	–

Post 143, Brookline.

Wm. B. Crafts	Jan. 26	Private	Co. C, 6th Mass. Infantry	Newton Highlands, Mass.
Charles A. Pons	June 30	Private	Co. A, 47 Ill. Infantry	Charlestown, Mass.
Edward C. Norris	Dec. 1	Private	8 Mass. Battery	Boston, Mass.

Post 146, Lawrence.

Charles A. Pilling	July 8	Private	Co. A, 11th Mass. Infantry	North Andover, Mass.
George F. Smith	Feb. 17	Private	Co. B, 26th N. Y. Cavalry	Massachusetts.

Post 147, Amherst.

Lewis W. West	Apr. 30	–	–	–	Co. D, 27th Mass. Infantry	Hadley, Mass.
Newton Wallace	Aug. 25	–	–	–	Co. I, 27th Mass. Infantry	Holland, Mass.

Post 149, Charlestown.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Corydon O. Stone	Mar. 24	– – –	Co. F, 1st Maine Cavalry	Maine.

Post 151, West Newbury.

David N. Carlton	June 4	Private	Co. B, 48 Mass. Infantry	West Newbury.

Post 154, Kingston.

Cyrus J. Glover	June –	Private	Co. E, 4th Mass. Infantry	– – –
Wm. Fuller	Nov. –	Private	Co. J, 4th Mass. Infantry	– – –

Post 156, Everett.

James R. Grove	June 20	Master's Mate	U. S. S. Nipsic	Truro, Mass.
Harvey A. Kellogg	Sept. 16	Private	Co. C, 6th Ver. Infantry	Richford, Vt.
Wm. F. Stratton	Dec. 23	Private	U. S. Signal Corps	Malden, Mass.

Post 157, Walpole.

Albert B. Stearns	Jan. 4	Private	Co. D, 46 Mass. Infantry	Unknown.

Post 159, East Boston.

Hugh G. Messenger	May 31	Private	Co. G, 62nd Mass. Infantry	Newburyport, Mass.

Post 161, Woburn.

Edward Hoskins	May 6	Private	Co. K, 39 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
R. F. Poole	May 8	Private	Co. K, 39 Mass. Infantry	Woburn, Mass.
Charles E. Richardson	Dec. 15	Private	Co. K, 59 Mass. Infantry	Woburn, Mass.

Post 163, Framingham.

Samuel J. Fletcher	May 1	Captain	Co. B, 15th Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Augustus S. Trowbridge	May 5	Corporal	Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry 16th Lt. Battery	Hull, Canada.
Isaac F. Porter	July 13	Corporal	Co. A, 48th Mass. Infantry	Wenham, Mass.
Charles L. Douglass	Sept. 24	Corporal	Co. H, 14th Maine Infantry	Upton, Mass.
Albert B. Comey	Oct. 26	Private	Co. E, 5th Mass. Infantry	Medway, Mass.
George F. Ward	Nov. 12	Private	Co. G, 5th Mass. Infantry	Ware, Mass.

Post 165, Duxbury.

William H. Tolman	Jan. 6	Sergeant	Co. E, 7 Mass. Infantry	Springfield, Mass.

Post 168, Southbridge.

Michael Gillispie	Apr. 6	Private	Co. G, 36th Mass. Infantry	Ireland.
Andrew J. Clark	Aug. 27	Private	Co. K, 22d Mass. Infantry	Southbridge.

Post 169, Norwood.

Ora Holman	July –	Private	Co. F, 1st N. H. Cavalry	N. Hampshire.
Charles I. Brown	June –	Private	Co. G, 74 N. Y. Infantry	N. Y.
Henry Fales	May –	Private	10 Mass. Battery	Norwood.

Post 170, Mansfield.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
Crowell Whitehouse	Feb. 13	Private	Co. B, 8th Maine Infantry	Liberty, Maine.
Reuben Purdey	Feb. 13	Private	Co. F, 40th Mass. Infantry	Nova Scotia.
T. W. D. Dean	Mar. 15	Corporal	Co. G, 29 Mass. Infantry	Mansfield, Mass.

Post 173, Sturbridge.

Wm. H. Hinman	June 19	Private	Co. K, 3d Vt. Infantry	Derby, Vt.
Joseph B. Winch	Aug. 22	Private	Co. E, 57 Mass. Infantry	Fall River, Mass.

Post 174, Greenfield.

A. L. Hunt	Apr. 7	Private	Co. B, 34th Mass. Infantry	Athol, Mass.
Jas. Bowman	May 5	Private	Co. D, 27th Mass. Infantry	Montague, Mass.
J. N. Corbett	May 21	Private	Co. I, 16th Vt. Infantry	Monroe, Mass.
A. B. Pond	Oct. 30	Private	Co. K, 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Surrey, N. H.
E. O. Fairman	Nov. 7	Private	Co. A, 52d Mass. Infantry	Bernardston, Mass.

Post 194, Reading.

Robert T. Edes	Jan. 15	Asst. Surgeon	U. S. Navy	Eastport, Me.

Post 175, Lancaster.

W. S. H. Turner	Sept. 15	Private	Co. I, 53 Mass. Infantry	Lancaster.

Post 176, Huntington.

Rev. Harvey Porter	Jan. 12	Private	Co. F, 46th Mass. Infantry	Huntington, Mass.

Post 179, Barre.

Seth P. H. Hale	Dec. 2	Private	Co. F, 4th Mass. Cavalry	Hubbardston.

Post 180, Concord.

John Tasker	Mar. 13	Private	Co. D, 35th Regt. Mass. Infantry	Lincoln, Mass.
Cyrus W. Benjamin	Apr. 4	Private	Co. G, 47th Mass. Infantry	Concord, Mass.

Post 184, Ashburnham.

Lorenzo H. Gilbert	Mar. 23	Sergeant	Co. G, 21st Mass. Infantry	Chesterfield, N. H.

Post 185, Lowell.

Erastus A. Bartlett	Feb. 7	Private	Co. A, 33d Mass. Infantry	Lowell, Mass.
Joseph M. Spurr	Feb. 6	Private	Co. H, 33d Mass. Infantry	Otisfield, Me.
Henry C. Hutchinson	Feb. 17	Corporal	Co. G, 6th Mass. Infantry	Dresden, Me.
Timothy Donovan	Feb. 20	Private	Co. G, 6th Vermont Infantry	Ireland.
George B. Graves	Mar. 26	Private	Co. G, 1st Me. Infantry	Lexington, Me.
Arthur Hamblet	Aug. 14	Private	Co. E, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery	Lowell, Mass.
Reuben Salls	Aug. 15	Private	Co. E, 9th N. H. Infantry	Canada.
Alden O. Dane	Sept. 27	Private	Co. K, 10th Vt. Infantry	Derby, Vt.
Charles E. Osgood	Oct. 10	Private	Co. G, 4th N. H. Infantry	Danvers, Mass.
Alfred W. LaVigne	– –[1]	Private	Co. E, 2nd N. J. Infantry	Canada.

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Post 188, Beverly.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
George H. Wyatt	Aug. 4	Private	1st Unattached Company	Wenham.

Post 190, New Bedford.

Robert L. Whitfield	Jan. 25	1st Class Boy	U. S. Navy	Nantucket, Mass.
Harvey H. Webber	Feb. 6	Private	Co. I, Maine Battery	Bristol, Maine.
William F. Gibbons	May 21	Private	Co. K, 25 Mass. Infantry / Co. D, 16 U. S. Infantry	Roxbury, Mass.
James S. Hathaway	May 25	Private	Co. C, 3 Mass. Infantry	New Bedford, Mass.

Post 191, Boston.

Charles H. Shaw, Past Commander	Feb. 5	Private	Co. E, 14th Infantry / 1st Mass. Heavy Artillery	Newton, N. H.
Edwin M. Pettengill	Apr. 11	Private	Co. E, 44th Mass. Infantry	Boston.
Geo. W. Ross	July 30	1st Sergeant	Co. A, 117th N. Y. Infantry	Sheldon, Vt.
Edward O. Skelton, Past Commander	Oct. 10	Private	Co. A, 72nd Penn. Infantry	Bradford, Mass.
William O. D. Grace	Nov. 28	Private	Co. D, 5th Mass. Infantry	Boston.

Post 192, North Attleborough.

James M. Day	Jan. 11	Private	Co. I, 7 Mass. Cavalry	North Attleborough.

Post 193, Avon.

Henry W. Hayward	– –	Private	40th Mass. Infantry	East Stoughton, Mass.

Post 197, Pittsfield.

J. E. C. Sawyer	June –	Sergeant	Co. I, 4th Maine Infantry	Boston, Mass.

Post 199, Revere.

Walter L. Cummings	July 27	Private	Co. B, 1st Maine Infantry	Lexington, Mass.

Post 200, Jamaica Plain.

F. C. Russell	May 15	– – –	U. S. Navy	Mass.

Post 203, Bourne.

Thaddeus C. Baker	Apr. –	Sergeant	Co. I, 33d Mass. Infantry	Orleans.

Post 204, Centerville.

James H. Handy	Feb. 10	Ensign	U. S. Navy	Barnstable, Mass.

Post 207, Nantucket.

William G. Robinson	June 13	Private	– – – –	– – –
Wm. A. Barrett	Aug. 1	Private	Co. E, 2nd Mass. Cavalry	Nantucket.

Post 208, Wareham.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
David S. Swift	Sept. 15	Private	Co. A, 11th R. I. Infantry	Wareham.

Post 209, Williamstown.

Elisha Hunt	Apr. 18	Private	Co. B, 10 Mass. Infantry	Hawley, Mass.
Chas. E. Ormsbee	June 18	Sergeant	Co. H, 2nd Vt. Infantry	Montpelier, Vt.
Jabez Odell	Nov. 27	Private	Co. A, 125th N. Y. Infantry	Grafton, N. Y.
Darius N. Goodell	Dec. 1	Private	Co. K, 34th Mass. Infantry	New Ashford.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

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Comrade Wetherbee. "I move that the reading of the other reports be dispensed with, as they are all in print. [This motion is seconded and so voted.] One more motion. I move that the Commander's Address be referred to a committee to be appointed on Commander's Address." [Seconded and so voted.]

Commander. "We will now listen to the allotment of Committees as will be read by the Ass't Adj.-Gen."

Committee on Credentials.

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Eben W. Pike, Comrades Stanley B. Dearborn, Post 12; George A. Dietz, Post 30, J. H. Webb, Post 88, Charles W. Bamford, Post 128.

Committee on Commander's Address.

Past Dept. Comdrs. Horace Goodwin, Henry Clark, and Henry A. Monk, Post 87.

Committee on Resolutions.

Past Dept. Comdrs. John D. Billings, J. Payson Bradley, and Henry A. Monk, Post 87.

Comm. to Nominate Council of Administration.

Past Dept. Comdrs. E. F. Morrill, Henry Clark, James Armstrong, Post 10, Bela Alden, Post 78, William H. Morgan, Post 89.

Comm. to Nominate Delegates to Nat'l Encampment.

Past Commander Edwin B. Stanley, Chairman.

Dist. No. 1 Barnstable, Bristol and Nantucket Counties.

John H. Lawrence, Post 1, Oscar A. Hillard, Post 3.

District No. 2, Plymouth County.

Bela Alden, Post 78, Henry Pratt, Post 13,
L. M. Fuller, Post 8.

District No. 3, Norfolk County.

John E. Bronson, Post 144, James McElroy, Post 72,
J. H. Webb, Post 88.

District No. 4, Suffolk County.

Joseph W. Haskell, Post 92, Charles O. Newell, Post 7,
Isaac S. Mullen, Post 134, George H. Rexford, Post 68,
L. W. Bixby, Post 26.

District No. 5, Essex County.

A. P. B. Kelly, Post 5, A. N. Batchelder, Post 47,
E. H. Pearson, Post 34, Orlando F. Hatch, Post 49,
Eli V. Hunt, Post 82.

District No. 6, Middlesex County.

J. J. Gilman, Post 30, Thomas F. Smith, Post 139,
Henri Batcheller, Post 156, Frank J. O'Reilly, Post 56.

District No. 7, Worcester County.

John W. Fairbanks, Post 80, Charles E. Brock, Post 22,
Edwin J. Foster, Post 10, Alvah Heald, Post 53.

District No. 8, Hampden County.

C. E. Bartlett, Post 41, Charles B. Burt, Post 16.

Dist. No. 9, Berkshire, Franklin & Hampshire Co's.

Alfred A. Lee, Post 79, John Sears, Post 174.

COMMITTEE ON VISITATION.

To Woman's Relief Corps. — Past Commdr. Geo. W. Wilder; Geo. W. Nead, Post 169, Edwin J. Foster, Post 10.

To Daughters of Veterans. — Past Dept. Commdr. Wilfred A. Wetherbee; Edwin P. Stanley, Post 67, Geo. A. Parsons, Post 156.

To Ladies of the G. A. R. — Past Dept. Commdr. Henry Clark; Henry A. Monk, Post 87, John H. Lawrence, Post 1.

To Sons of Veterans. — Past Dept. Commdr. Thomas J. Ames; Rupert J. Chute, Post 60, A. Otis Chamberlin, Post 30.

To Army Nurses. — Past Dept. Commdr. E. F. Morrill; John J. Ryder, Post 203, Obed Ellis, Post 78.

To Sons of Vets. Auxiliary. — Past Dept. Commdr. Alfred H. Knowles, A. A. Rackliff, Post 90, Rupert J. Chute, Post 60.

Comrade Flynn, Post 26. "Do we want to go through the same procedure we did last year and allow one man to give his opinions without consulting the other members of the Committee on Resolutions? We don't want that to happen, for it is my candid opinion that business done that way is not legal. I suppose Comrade Billings knows those who should be with him on that Committee, and if they are not here he will make the statements."

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "The Committee on Resolutions consists of John D. Billings, John Fairbanks and Henry A. Monk."

Comrade Billings. "I am unfortunate in not being able to distinctly hear what the comrade has said. I simply heard my name several times, and am wondering if he asked me to resign?"

Commander. "He wants to know whether the comrades with you on your committee are present. Comrade Flynn is informed that they are present.

Comrade Billings. "I happen to remember that the comrade was not altogether satisfied last year with some matters that came before the Committee on Resolutions, and I labor under a handicap in this meeting in not being able to hear only a short distance; so I wanted to put myself right with the convention before I proceed to act in the capacity to which you have nominated me.

"I was going to rise to ask that comrades who have resolutions to submit to be early in submitting them, so that the Committee can prepare itself to give proper consideration to the business that comes before it."

Comrade Hotchkiss, Post 18. "I would like to ask the different Posts of the Department of Massachusetts if on Decoration Day they are having Lincoln's address at Gettysburg read in the cemeteries and then repeated in the hall after getting back for the oration by some high school scholar?"

Comrade Gay, Post 195. "Replying to the comrade I cannot say concerning the Posts of Massachusetts, but I can say as regards our Post of East Pepperell that the address of our illustrious president delivered at Gettysburg has been read on Decoration Day two separate times, — once at the cemetery of the unknown dead and once in the hall.

Comrade Billings. "I move that when this session adjourns it be to meet at two o'clock P.M." [Motion seconded but not put.]

Commander. "Are there any comrades that have resolutions? If there are please present them now, — any resolution you wish the incoming Committee to act on. Now will the Department give its attention to Chaplain Nead for a moment or two."

Chaplain Nead. "I want to call the attention of the chaplains of our posts to the requirement with reference to their reports for Memorial Day. The instructions read, 'This report must be made out immediately after Memorial Day.' Now, we soldiers know what that means. It means today — just that very thing — obedience to our superior officer.

"This comes, of course, from our National Encampment. The chaplains generally make out a very nice report; I can assure you of that; but there is one fault, and that is — their delay. The Department Chaplain has until the middle of July to tabulate these reports, and if they are not in by that time of course he cannot tabulate them. This Dept. report goes into the report of the National Encampment, which report some of you may receive; you get it at Headquarters,

anyway. Now, if we want Mass. to stand on the list where she belongs we want the best report we can make of our Memorial Day services. I received about 40 reports up to the time of my limit last year; 40 out of about 175, which you see is but a small percentage.

"Now, fellow chaplains, for I am a chaplain myself, you know, for my Post, be sure and make out your reports immediately after Memorial Day; that is the best time when it is fresh in your minds; and remember that the Dept. Chaplain, whoever he may be, must have these reports early — before the 10th of July — to formulate them and send to the chaplain-in-chief. Now, the chaplains here will remember this; and if the chaplains are not here in full force let the commanders remember it and follow up the chaplains and see they do it, because he is the responsible one."

Comrade Stanley, Post 67. "I move that the first business in the afternoon session be the election of officers." [It was so voted.]

Commander. "The Committee on Credentials will now make their report."

Comrade Dearborn, Chairman.

Whole number entitled to vote		1,120
Total number of comrades present		378
Department officers	26	
Commanders of Posts	39	
Past-commanders of Posts	148	
Senior and Junior commanders	50	
Representatives	100	
	363	
(Received later)	15	
		378

Commander. "I will now entertain the motion of Comrade Billings that when we adjourn it will be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon."

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, April 8, 1924.

Commander. "Comrades, come to order. If there is no objection the Committee on Commander's Address would like to make its report. It will only be just a moment until you proceed to the election of officers."

Senior Vice Commander Ham. "You will now listen to the report of your Committee on Commander's Address."

Comrade Horace Goodwin, Chairman. "The committee to which was referred the Commander's Address have attended to their duty and report as follows: We realize that the Grand Army of the Republic has reached that stage in its history when a great many people in the world say that we are fast passing away, but I want to say for the Commander and for you all that we are not passing away.

"Your Commander recommends that the sum of $1,200 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General, and the sum of $500 for the salary of the Headquarters Clerk. The Committee unanimously approve that recommendation.

"Your Commander recommends that the sum of $500 be appropriated to defray the traveling expenses of the Department Commander, and of such other officers as he may detail to attend camp-fires, county associations and other functions at which it may seem desirable that the Department be officially represented. The Committee approves that recommendation. In conclusion, would say the Committee has attended to their duty and all have signed the report. Signed, — Horace Goodwin, chairman; Henry Clark and Henry A. Monk."

S. V. Commander Ham. "You have heard the report of the Committee on Commander's Address, and what will you do with it?" [Its adoption is moved and seconded and unanimously voted.]

Comrade Morrill. "Are you ready to hear the report of the Committee on Nominations for Council of Administration?"

Commander. "If there is no objection this Committee may report."

Chairman Morrill. "The Committee nominates the following comrades for Council of Administration: D. W. Hammond, Post 47; Henry Whittemore,

Post 29; James H. Webb, Post 88; David King, Post 15; A. P. B. Kelley, Post 5. Signed, — E. F. Morrill, chairman, Henry Clark, Thos. J. Ames, Bela Alden."

Comrade Stanley, Post 67. "It has generally been the custom when we have good officers of the lower rank, especially among the commanders, to advance them up a step. The last two years we have taken a comrade who was born among the tall pines of Maine and later on planted him in the soil of the old Bay State. It is needless for me to say a great deal in regard to his ability; most of you know that he has performed his duties for the last two years in an excellent manner, and I have no doubt he will if he is elected Dept. Commander exercise the same ability and take the same good care of his office as he has in the past. Therefore I present the name of Benjamin A. Ham for Dept. Commander for the ensuing term."

Commander. "Past Commander Henry A. Clark."

Comrade Clark, Post 36. "Comrades, I want to say that I am most happy and pleased with the little duty assigned to me. The year I was elected Commander senior vice-commander Ham was elected Junior Vice-Commander, and I want to say that the assistance I received from Jr. V.-Commander Ham made it seem to me that it was my duty to do all I could to support him for Commander of the Department of Massachusetts. Comrade Ham, I notice, is a State of Maine man, the same state that I came from, but that is not the reason I support him for Department Commander. The reason I support him for Dept. Commander is because he is a man in every way qualified to hold the office with honor to the Dept. and with credit to himself. And so, Mr. Commander and Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of Senior Vice-Commander Ham for Dept. Commander of Mass."

Comrade Bradley, Post 2. "Commander and comrades, you have listened to two endorsements of Sr. V.-Commander Ham for Commander of this Dept. for the ensuing year. Those endorsements have come from those high up officially in the Grand Army of the Republic. Now, a man may be known in Washington or in Boston, but if you want to know his bad points you want to go right into his own family and ask the question.

"Therefore, as past-commander of Post 2, and past-department commander of Mass., and knowing some of the things which it is necessary for a commander to know, I want to say that I come here without solicitation except of our own Post, numbering about 30 at the first of the year but only 27 now. We have known Comrade Ham for a great many years. We know his faults, and like all good soldiers he has them; and we know his virtues — and all good soldiers have them also; and we have come to the conclusion in Post 2 that his virtues outfigure his faults. But during his administration as Commander, if he is elected, if he does not go straight and do what you want him to do, let our Post know it and we will keel-haul him at our Post meetings and make him go straight. Therefore I am going to take the responsibility of seconding this nomination."

Comrade Knowles, Post 36 of Arlington. "Comrade Clark and I have been running-mates for a good many years. I have listened to what he has had to say with reference to Comrade Ham, and I am going one step ahead of him. I am going to recommend that this Encampment cast one vote for Department Commander, and on the ballot there shall be placed the name of Benjamin A. Ham."

(This recommendation is seconded, and the motion formally made that the Asst. Adj.-Gen. cast one ballot bearing the name of Benjamin A. Ham for Dept. Commander for the ensuing year. It was so voted and Benjamin A. Ham was declared elected.)

(Commander-elect Ham was brought forward by Comrade Bradley, and presented to the Encampment.)

Commander. "Your new Department Commander, Comrade Benjamin A. Ham."

Comrade Clark. "Three cheers for our new commander." [Three cheers and a "tiger."]

Commander-elect Ham. "Commander and Comrades of this Encampment, such a greeting as you have just given me touches my heart; and be assured, Comrades, that I feel grateful for the high honor that you have conferred upon me.

"As our numbers grow less the honor is the greater, for as we grow less our power grows the greater among the whole people of Mass. and the whole country, and it grows greater not because our numbers are depleted, but they know of the influence which you have exercised among your fellow men for the welfare of good citizenship, for all that teaches love of country, honor to the flag, and all that makes for the better state and the better country; and would to God that the whole population of this country and this state would follow your leadership.

"And now, Comrades, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know that you will give me loyal support. I am at your call wherever you need me during the coming year, and I will endeavor to fulfil the duties which you have imposed upon me with all the power there is within me. I thank you."

Commander. "You will now proceed to the election of Senior Vice-Commander."

Comrade Wetherbee. "Commander and Comrades, I want to put in nomination a man whom I believe will be acceptable to every comrade in this hall. He has been my warm friend for sixty years; he has been the friend of most of you for a great many years; he is well known to every one of you. His record in the army was good; his record in the Grand Army of the Republic has been first class; he has been commander of his Post for — I don't know how many years, and for the last fifteen or twenty years he has been a great deal better commander for the reason that I have installed him into office every year. [Laughter.] He is a man well known; always interested in everything pertaining to the Grand Army, and always ready to do the work he is called upon to do. I want to present for your favorable consideration and your votes Comrade William L. Gage of Post 87 of South Braintree."

Comrade Knowles, Post 36. "I most heartily second the nomination of Comrade Gage."

Past Commander Henry Clark. "I want the privilege of seconding the nomination of Comrade Gage too. For years we have been associated together rather closely as commander of the Past Officers' Association and he as General Manager; and I want to say that it is pleasant to be associated with a man like my friend Gage. And it also gives me great pleasure when seconding the nomination to move that the Adj.-Gen. be instructed to cast one vote for Comrade Gage for the office of Senior Vice-commander." [It is so voted.]

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "In accordance with the vote of the Encampment I hereby deposit one ballot bearing the name of William L. Gage as Senior Vice-commander for the ensuing year."

Commander. "Comrades, by your unanimous vote you have elected Comrade Gage to the office of Senior Vice-commander for the coming year." [Applause.]

(Past Commander Wilder conducts Comrade Gage to the platform.)

Commander. "Comrades of the Depart. of Mass., I present to you one whom you have unanimously elected to the office of Senior Vice-commander, Comrade William L. Gage of Post 87."

Comrade Gage. "Commander and my Comrades of the convention, and Comrades of the Dept. of Mass. I heartily thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me today. I have never been ambitious for high office in the Grand Army of the Republic, I have been more as a worker and I feel highly flattered by the compliments bestowed upon me today; I think some of them undeserved.

"However, I have been always willing to work in every way for the advancement of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the coming year shall do all that lies in my power to advance the interests of the Department of Mass., and do all I am called upon to do by my senior officer. I thank you, comrades, for this honor, and as I say — will perform heartily, and I hope well, all the duties placed upon me. I again thank you." [Applause.]

Commander. "We will now proceed to the election of Junior Vice Dept. Commander."

Comrade Knowles. "Commander, I wish to place before this assembly the name of a comrade whom I presume the most of you know. I have known him for many years not only as an active worker for the Grand Army of the Republic, but he belongs to another association with which I am connected, the Officers of

the Civil War, and has been Senior Vice-commander of that honorable association. He was a member of the 2d Mass. Infantry and served clear through the War; entered the service as a private, came out of it as a captain, and was honorably discharged as such. He has been a worker with his Post, — Ward 90, of Danvers, and there the comrades report that no better soldier ever wore the Union Blue in earnest work for the Grand Army of the Republic in that section than this comrade whose name I will give you later on.

"He also has been a successful business man, and an honest man; he has accumulated property as a business man in an honest way. He is in good health, and is so situated financially that he is able to perform physically and every other way the duties of the office which he seeks.

"The name I present is Captain Henry N. Comey of the 2d Reg. Mass. Volunteers, from Ward Post 90 G. A. R. of Danvers, Massachusetts, and I bespeak for this nomination your favorable consideration."

Commander Alonzo A. Rackliff, Post 90. "I want to say that the nominee and myself have been members of this association for a good many years; we have never aspired to anything beyond the 'high private,' but thought if there ever was a time to go higher now was the time; and in looking over our material we felt we had a splendid comrade to offer you as a candidate for Junior Vice-commander. Those of you who have read his record know that he has a splendid Civil War record, and having known him for many years I want to say that his record as a member of the Grand Army is just as good as his Civil War record. He is one of the best posted men that I know of in regard to matters of the Civil War.

"He is a man who is always ready to drop everything to be of service to the Grand Army. He is what you might call one of the old-fashioned type of a Christian gentleman, with plenty of sand when it is required. And I want to say, Comrades, that in presenting to you his name we believe that we are giving you a splendid candidate for Junior Vice-commander; and if you elect him I will guarantee that he will fill the bill, and his executive ability — just now when the business of an important year is coming on — will, I think, be of wonderful help to the Department. So I have the great pleasure and privilege of seconding the nomination of Henry M. Comey."

Past Commander Wilder. "I move you, sir, that the Asst. Adj.-Gen. cast one ballot bearing the name of Comrade Comey for the office of Junior Vice-commander for the ensuing year." [This motion seconded and carried.]

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "In accordance with the vote of the Dept. I now deposit one ballot bearing the name of Comrade Comey for Junior Vice-commander of the Dept. of Mass. for the ensuing year."

Commander. "I declare that you have unanimously elected Henry N. Comey of Post 90 of Danvers to be your Junior Vice-commander for the coming year. Will some one please escort Comrade Comey to the platform. Comrades, I present to you the comrade you have just elected, Comrade Henry N. Comey of Danvers." [Applause.]

Comrade Comey. "Commander and Comrades, you have elected me to the office of Junior Vice-commander to serve you the coming year. I esteem it a great honor to be permitted to serve you, and all the more as it has been voiced by Commander-elect Ham that the character of this organization makes it a great honor to endeavor to serve you.

"In the Epistle to James we know the question of faith and works is brought up and I want to paraphrase that. This writer of the Epistle says 'I will show you my faith by my works.' Now, I want to show you my gratitude by my work in the future as I may have ability to do it.

"You have heard many times perhaps on the march, 'Not far to camp. Close up.' Now, I cannot agree with the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions that we are not fast passing, because our junior senator last week said in Washington, as he gave the figures of our losses in 1923, with the losses the last six months, that he figured there would be about 110,000 Civil War veterans December 31, 1924. So you see we must recognize the fact, there being the average age here of 81, that we must be moving on.

"But while we are here let us, as has already been said today, — let us march

together and enjoy together all we can of these meetings. I have been to several of the county conventions, and am always pleased to come away happy in the thought that these old comrades are still getting so much out of life. It belongs to you — the Grand Army is coming into its own — people recognize it wherever we go and really show in their faces love for the old comrades and for the work you have done — for the principles you have stood for, — always for the right.

"Now, I thank you again for the honor, and ask me to do anything I can do to help the Grand Army." [Applause.]

Officer of the Day. "I wish to announce that delegations from the Daughters of Veterans and Sons of Veterans are at the outpost awaiting admission."

Comrade Wetherbee. "I understand that this is a personal delegation to our newly elected Commander, and I move that they be admitted at this time. [The motion seconded and carried.]

Comrade Bradley. "I would like to bring to the notice of the Encampment a very remarkable fact, namely, that this is the first time, if my memory serves me right, that all three officers, Commander, Senior Vice and Junior Vice-commander have been elected by one ballot each. We have often had a fight, and some are itching for it now; but it certainly shows that the Grand Army is getting into one complete center and moving together for the interests of the organization as a whole and not for the individual."

Comrade Geo. A. Hosley. "The Commander-in-Chief is at the outpost."

(The delegation of Sons and Daughters of Veterans from Dahlgren Post 2 are formally escorted to the front and introduced.)

Commander. "Sons and Daughters of Dahlgren Post 2, we welcome you here. It appears that you have some good purpose for coming here during this session, and that being the case we welcome you at this time; you may proceed with the carrying out of your wishes."

Miss Grace Perkins, President of Catherine Frye Bradley Tent 63 (approaching Commander-elect Ham). "On behalf of our organization, Comrade Ham, please accept this little token of love and our assurance that we will stand back of you during the coming year and help you out in every way we can."

Commander-elect Ham. "Daughters and Sons of my own Post, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these, but the love and service that you have always given to the Grand Army of the Republic, and especially to Post 2 and the comrades there, the kind care you have exercised over them is more beautiful than any bouquet that you could present to me. I thank you from the bottom of my heart." [Applause.]

Officer of the Day. "I wish to announce that the Commander-in-Chief is at the outpost, and I would call for one Comrade to escort the Commander here."

(Past Commander Wilder is assigned that duty, and the Commander-in-Chief enters under escort attended by Past Commdr. George A. Hosley.)

Comrade Wilder. "Commander, I have the great pleasure and honor of presenting to you Comrade Saltzgaber of the Grand Army of the Republic."

Commander. "Comrades, I present to you Commander-in-Chief Comrade Saltzgaber of Ohio." [Applause and three cheers.]

Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber. "I understood a long time ago that the bald-headed men all got into the front row, but I see there is not room enough here. [Laughter.] I want to say to you that I am delighted to be with you in this City of Boston, and I believe that the first thing I ought to say is to praise the mayor of this city and the governor of this state. [Applause.] It was a remarkable thing that a great city like Boston should, only seven years after we had been in this city where we were so finely entertained in 1917, — should again give us the invitation to give the presence of the Grand Army of the Republic to this city in 1924. And when I came down here last December under the tutelage of Comrade Hosley I met such a cordial reception from your mayor, and such kind treatment from the governor of this commonwealth as an augury of the sort of reception that the grand old comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic would receive during next August, that I certainly was the proudest boy that ever lived.

"I want to tell you that that is the sort of feeling that is manifested by some

people in this great American country of ours, and it finds its best manifestation in this historic city of Boston. [Applause.]

"You know I am in love with the Yankees because they gave us first the liberty which we now enjoy. I was not born in the Thirteen Colonies, but when they brought me to the United States it was to the state of Ohio, about which you no doubt have heard. We were out there then in the primeval wilderness, but when I went to school you know I heard about this people that had erected these United States of America and had declared that they would be free, and they made that immortal Declaration of Independence and said God Almighty had created all men equal, — a magnificent declaration unparalleled in the history of the world; that all men were created equal and equally entitled to certain inalienable rights — they could not give them away — such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and remembering that teaching, when I understood there were a lot of people that wanted to break up this glorious Union of ours, at the age of fifteen years and six months I enlisted to fight for Uncle Sam. [Applause.] And you know, no matter what has come to me since, not ungrateful for the honor you have given me, I am prouder of that fact than of any other thing that has happened in my life; that I lived at a period and was able to give such efficient service toward maintaining this glorious Union, and this magnificent flag which is the emblem of it. I wonder (looking about) if the Grand Army of the Republic would have a meeting and not have a flag present. [A voice: "Look to your right," and Old Glory is noted.] [Renewed applause.]

"I am your comrade. I was a 'high private;' my father had six boys in the army and I was the youngest; so they didn't leave me any honors and emoluments. I did get eleven dollars a month for a while, and I don't really know what I did with it, but if I had that $11 back I would be better pleased with that income than for anything received since. That has been spent long ago; I think the sutler got it — you remember him. We wanted to spend that first money; it was such an enormous amount the Government was paying us for our services. We didn't think about that, but we thought about rendering our contribution to this country which we knew was the finest country on the face of the globe, and where the rights of man were best preserved; and that is the reason we fought. And I want to tell you that that is a grand epoch in American history. They had before that the Revolution, and that was a glorious one too, and I am glad to say that here in the historic City of Boston, no matter what else occurs, we can always refer to that period as the opening of the glorious dawn of history that secured and emphasized the rights of man.

"Then, you know, in order that we should grow larger it was necessary to maintain those rights, and you Boys enlisted and said, 'I am not going for money; I am not going for office; I am not going for anything except to do my duty to this grand country of ours.' [Applause.] And I despise those people who ever supposed that there was any other sentiment that actuated the hearts of the Boys in Blue.

"And so I am glad to see that flag, and I want to bear testimony to what President Harding said a short time before his death, and that was, 'That flag always looked best to me when it was borne by the boys that wore the blue.' I thought you would applaud that because that is a fine sentiment. [Applause.] The reason was he was born in '65; he saw those colors carried all over the United States by you Boys, and wherever they went they radiated patriotism, loyalty to this Government of ours; and I want to tell you that more patriotism, more love of country, has emanated from the Boys that wore the Blue than from any other single group of men that ever existed in the United States of America. [Applause.]

"I am not referring offensively to those boys who went into the Spanish American War, because they did yeoman service down there and released the people in Cuba from the hand of an oppressor who had visited iniquity upon them for more than a century before; and the more praise because they were volunteers, like yourselves, and simply went out to vindicate the right. That is what we Americans always fight for.

"One of them on guard down in Chickamauga was pacing back and forth very disconsolate; he was homesick and hadn't had food enough. A man approached,

and he said 'who comes there?' The man says, 'A friend.' And the guardsman replies, 'You are a liar; I haven't a friend in all the world.' [Laughter.]

"I know you don't feel that way, because as long as we live we are going to be comrades to each other; and you know there are some other things I want to say to you. One thing is — I am opposed to war [A voice: 'Good!']; we have seen its horrors, and nobody understands how awful it is better than you Boys do, but when there are people in this country like the students in the Northwestern University who vowed they would never go to war for this country, and, no matter what occurred, that they would refuse the summons of the United States, even if we were invaded, why, I say that is carrying pacifism too far; and that anybody who lives in this country ought to be grateful for its institutions, and whenever it is sought to violate them or infringe upon them, so that the rights of men are threatened to be destroyed, they ought to be willing to rush to the defence of their country and fight for it.

"And when those ladies in New York — fine women possibly, though I don't know them personally — unanimously resolved that they would never let their boys go to war; that they never would honor the soldier, and never do anything to contribute to the support of armies raised in the United States, then I am not sorry that I prayed to Almighty God to wither up their wombs so that they would not have any boys. [Laughter and applause.]

"Now, my appeal to you is an appeal for patriotism that finds its lodgment best in the hearts of all the Boys that wore the Blue, and it is for us to fight that sentiment which is being industriously and insidiously circulated over this country, and kill it in its infancy, because everybody owes a duty to this country, and he is a slacker and unpatriotic who would refuse to do it in the time of the country's necessity. [Cries of 'Good!' and applause.]

"Shall I tell you a story? Well, I will tell you what I read lately in the *Cleveland Plaindealer*. They offered prizes for stories about Lincoln not commonly current, and one of them was this: It was during the Civil War and a man came to the President and asked for a pass to Richmond. You know Lincoln had a great humor; Harding and Wilson died because they took too seriously the labors of the office; and Lincoln said to this man: 'I would like very much to accommodate you, but I have already passed on a hundred thousand men to Richmond but not one has got there yet.' That story won $15.

"The next one was this: They had a cabinet meeting, and you know our old friend Stanton was not always in the best of humor; sometimes he was a little irascible, and some of the officers did not like him because he made them mind him, which was a good thing. At a cabinet meeting in the heat of argument Stanton said the President was a 'Damn fool,' which was unparliamentary, to say the least.

"Well, you know that Lincoln would stand more than that rather than lose his efficient Secretary of War, and the next morning while having his shoes shined by the servant Joe he remarked: 'Joe, did Mr. Stanton say last night I was a damned fool?' 'Mr. President, he said something like that' was the reply. 'Joe, let me tell you Mr. Stanton is a pretty smart man and generally knows what he is talking about.' Now, who else could do that but Abraham Lincoln? Why, it was that fine sense of humor alone, with his glorious spirit of patriotism, that carried this great country through that struggle, which caused the loss of so many thousand lives and such an immense loss of property. Abraham Lincoln was sent by Almighty God for that particular crisis; and when you read his biography now, and I hope you go back to it once in awhile, comrades, why, you will see that during that four years of bitter warfare he never said an unkind word about those fighting against us — not a single unkind word. You know human nature as well as I do, and how many men do you think could be found in this country who would show such a fine spirit. He had sworn to do nothing to swerve him from the sacred duty of saving this Union; that was the purpose deepest in his heart, and that is the reason he loved you so — because you were endeavoring to carry out that God-given purpose.

"And so you will remember what a memorable contest we had in 1864 when he was a candidate for re-election. There were a lot of people fighting against him

because they thought they ought to purchase peace at any price; and yet he never said a harsh word against his political opponents, and it was the glorious spirit of the man that carried him to ultimate victory in that contest.

"But Lincoln, to whom these monuments have been erected, and who has a still more glorious monument in the hearts of the American people, could not have done anything at all if it had not been for the soldiery that upheld his hands and went out to meet the enemy upon the field of battle. [Applause.] He was anxious to avoid bloodshed in war, and you know what he said, — 'If this war lasts so long that all the property piled up by 250 years of unrequited toil of bondmen should be entirely destroyed, and if every drop of blood drawn by the lash should be paid by that drawn by the sword, he would still say that the judgments of Almighty God were righteous altogether.'

"And John McElroy, whom you know so well, when I went to Washington took me to Antietam and the other battlefields where the Army of the Potomac fought, and where most of you Boys were; and McElroy described the scenes of carnage saying that if such and such a movement had been made victory would have resulted. Of course mistakes were made, but I told him that God Almighty intended that the war should continue until every slave of the South was a free man; that if there had been a settlement at any time during the first three years it would have included the restoration of slavery in the South; but the Lord didn't want that, so we had to continue to fight until those men attained to the God-given right of freedom the same as we had, and we should feel now that the War lasted a long while so that its definite purpose might be accomplished.

"In this last war a lady's husband went over seas, and she was delighted — telling her brother that 'Charlie in three months had been made a field marshal.' 'But,' he replied, 'that would be impossible; over there only three months and made a field marshal?' 'Well,' she said, 'maybe it was a court martial; it was something about a marshal.' [Laughter.]

"Those boys did their duty because they were your sons and your grandsons, and the inspiration that was in their hearts came from your example, and that is what I want you to continue to radiate as long as you live. We are proud of this country of ours. They are having a lot of trouble down to Washington, and a good deal of it is more imaginary than real; but it shows the perversity of human nature and exhibits to the world characteristics the opposite of honesty and ability which should be dedicated to the welfare of the government. But you will remember what Pres. Garfield said, 'God reigns in the heavens and the Government at Washington still lives;' and no matter if there be individual indiscretions — and that is a mild term — we are going to go along all right, this is still the greatest country on the globe, — made so by your sacrifices. [Applause.]

"And now just a word about pensions. I am in favor of pensions for the Boys that wore the Blue. Look at your bald heads and gray hairs — I know you are not going to live long, because the allotted time of life is soon approaching, and every day we stand by those dear comrades that are falling. They deserve better treatment than they have had from this government, which still is the most generous government on the face of the earth.

"But I don't want them to forget the grand services you rendered these United States; I don't want them to forget that you preserved that flag in its integrity; I don't want them to forget that you kept all the stars in that firmament of glory! [Applause.] And now, when you are old, — not you good looking fellows so stout and hearty, but the Boys not able to get here. And the women, too, old, feeble and needing help, — I want this government to try and make its generosity more sensibly felt now in the old age of these people when they most need and deserve it.

"The $72 Pension Bill was passed in the Senate; it has been reported favorably in the House, and I want you to pass a resolution here in this fine body of men asking your representatives in the Congress to do what they can to expedite the passage of that Bill just as it is in the House of Representatives." [Great applause.]

(The Commander-in-Chief then retires in a salvo of cheers with the "tiger.")

Commander. "Comrades, we will now proceed with our business, which is the

election of a Medical Director for our Dept. Has any comrade a candidate to offer? The late incumbent Comrade Henry O. Marcy has passed away."

Comrade Norcross, Post 143. "Two years ago this office of Medical Director went a-begging as it seems to this afternoon, and I said at that time if there was no one desirous of taking that honor I would do it; so I served and tried to make something of the office, — the only instance I know of that a Med. Director has ever tried to give any medical advice or give entertainment at any of the county meetings. I am still of the same frame of mind, though I won't nominate myself."

Asst. Qua'rmaster-General Wetherbee. "A few years ago we had a magnificent comrade filling this position, but through non-action of members of the Encampment he was not renominated, though in my opinion he was one of the best men that ever filled that office; and I want to nominate once more Comrade Dr. Whiting of Post 191, Malden, a man well skilled in all medical work, a man universally known, and a man who will be an honor to the position."

Comrade Norcross. "I would like to second that nomination."

Past Commdr. Stanley. "I move that the Asst. Adj.-Gen. cast one ballot for Dr. Whiting of Post 191, Malden, for Medical Director." [The motion was carried and Comrade Whiting was declared elected.]

Commander. "You will now proceed to the election of our Department Chaplain."

Comrade Chute, Post 60. "Last year as a member of the Council of Administration it was my pleasure to place in nomination a comrade for the unexpired term of Chaplain King, naming Comrade George W. Nead of Norwood, Commander of Post 169 and pastor emeritus of the 1st Baptist Church of that town. Comrade Nead accepted the office and fulfilled the duties thereof to the satisfaction of the Commander and his Staff.

"Commander, I wish to place in nomination again Comrade Geo. W. Nead of Post 169 for the office of Dept. Chaplain." [Seconded.]

Commander. "Are there any further nominations?"

Comrade Stanley. "I move that the Asst. Adj.-Gen. cast one ballot for Comrade Nead's election to this office." [Seconded and carried.]

Commander. "Comrades, you have elected Comrade Nead. We will proceed to further business."

Comrade Gage. "We have heard the report of the Committee on Council of Administration, giving a list of Comrades to be voted on, and I move you, sir, that the names on that list be cast as one ballot by the Asst. Adj.-Gen." [Motion seconded.]

Commander. "It is moved and seconded that the list to be stated shall be deposited as one ballot." [It is so voted.]

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "In accordance with your unanimous vote I hereby cast as one ballot the list containing the names: D. W. Hammond, Post 47, Henry Whittemore, Post 29, James H. Webb, Post 88, David King, Post 15, A. P. B. Kelly, Post 2, as members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year."

Commander. "I formally declare these Comrades duly elected."

Past Comdr. Stanley. "Your Committee to nominate a list of delegates to the National Convention hereby reports as follows:

Representatives to the Fifty-eighth National Encampment.

Delegate-at-Large.	Post	*Alternate-at-Large.*	Post
Luther W. Bixby	26	Henry Bennett	8

Representatives.		*Alternates.*	
	District No. 1.		
Henry M. Hopkins	3	John J. Holmes	1
John Gilbert	1	John H. Lawrence	1
	District No. 2.		
Alvin C. Howe	8	Obed H. Ellis	78

District No. 3.

Representatives.	Post	*Alternates.*	Post
James H. Webb	88	William H. Webber	143
J. E. Bronson	144	Frank Sinclair	144

District No. 4.

A. B. Collier	92	Isaac S. Mullen	134
Walter E. Swan	68	E. A. Ditmus	134

District No. 5.

Eugene M. Libby	5	William S. Roundy	82
William E. Carlton	49	Thomas H. Feltor	5
Eli V. Hunt	82	W. H. Morgan	89

District No. 6.

John Flood	62	A. Otis Chamberlin	30
Francis J. O'Reilly	56	W. F. Brown	163
Henri Batchelder	156	Jeremiah J. Gilman	30

District No. 7.

John W. Fairbanks	80	Charles E. Brock	22
Edwin J. Foster	10	Alvah Heald	53

District No. 8.

William H. Abbott	71	E. C. Witherell	16

District No. 9.

John R. Sears	174	J. Horton	174
James R. Hamilton	171	A. S. Slate	17

Past Comdr. Clark. "I move that it be accepted —"

Comrade Ham. "And the recommendations adopted. Also that the Asst. Adj.-Gen. cast one vote bearing the names of delegates to the National Encampment." [Seconded and carried.]

Comrade Stanley. "I move that any vacancies on this list be filled by the Council of Administration." [It is so voted.]

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "Pursuant to your vote I now deposit one ballot bearing the names of the several delegates of the several districts as read by the chairman of your committee."

Commander. "Are there any other officers to elect."

Comrade Ham (reading a resolution):

Resolved, That the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, unanimously endorse the Bursum Pension Bill (Senate Bill 5) and urge upon the Representatives from Massachusetts in Congress its desire that it may receive their favorable consideration.

"And I would move the adoption of this Resolution, and the wiring of it to Speaker Gillette of the House." [Motion seconded.]

Chairman Billings. "On behalf of the Committee on Resolutions I would second the motion as presented."

Commander. "It is a unanimous vote, and I so declare it."

Comrade Ham. "Mr. Commander, I move that it be immediately wired to Speaker Gillette of the House of Representatives, with the request that he transmit it to the several Representatives from Massachusetts." [Seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.]

Chairman Billings (of Committee on Resolutions). "Dept. Commander and Comrades, in behalf of the committee appointed to receive resolutions and consider and report on same I now beg leave to report. And I wish to anticipate now by telling you that the present report was not made by the chairman but by the members of the committee."

Comrade Flynn, Post 26. "I took it from his own words at the last convention."

Commander. "He said he understood you to say [explaining to Mr. Billings] you were the only one of the Committee last year."

Chairman Billings. "I won't go quite so far as Wendell Phillips did on one occasion. Some one said, 'Didn't I hear you last Friday night make the statement?' to which he replied, 'I am not responsible today for what I said yesterday.' I won't say that, but I will say that I cannot remember that I made any such statement as that with which I am charged. I will say now, however, that this report is that of the whole Committee.

"I hold in my hand a letter addressed to the Asst. Qrmstr.-General which I will read:

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., March 31, 1924.

Mr. W. A. WETHERBEE, *G. A. R. Headquarters, State House, Boston, Mass.*

DEAR MR. WETHERBEE: — The enclosed bill,[1] with which you are familiar, is again under discussion in Congress, and congressman Dallinger has written me that it would be a step in the right direction if the Grand Army of the Republic would endorse the enclosed bill, as Mr. Dallinger has been obliged to re-introduce it in the House under a new number. Will it be agreeable to you to draw up a strong resolution endorsing the bill and have the matter acted upon at the coming State convention of the G. A. R., and in such a way that it can be referred to the national convention in August? In case the bill is endorsed a communication should be forwarded to Congressman Dallinger as to the action of the convention.

Please let me hear from you as to what you can do.

Yours in F. C. and L.,
(Signed) T. C. LEUTZ.

And here is the answer in the form of a Resolution offered by Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Mass. G. A. R. in convention assembled do hereby heartily endorse House Bill No. 634, and trust it will receive the favorable consideration of Congress.

68th Congress, 1st Session. H. R. 634.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Dec. 5, 1923.

Mr. Dallinger introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To pension Blind or Partially Blind Children of Persons who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That from and after the approval of this Act any blind or partially blind child of any person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War for ninety days or more, and was honorably discharged from such service, or, regardless of the length of service, was discharged for a disability incurred in the service and in the line of duty, shall be entitled to and shall be paid a pension at the rate of $20 per month.

Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee. "I would state that this Resolution has already been endorsed by this Encampment two years ago, and was also the following year endorsed by the National Convention. Last year when it was presented in Congress it went the way of all pension bills — was crowded out — and has been brought up again and they want a reiteration of our endorsement of that bill. Congressman Dallinger of Cambridge was the man who presented it there, and is working hard to accomplish its passage; and he asks, as you have heard, and

[1] Bill H. R. 634.

feels that it would strengthen his hands if he has the endorsement of the present Encampment.

"Therefore I move that that resolution be adopted."

Chairman Billings. "The Committee on Resolutions unanimously recommends its adoption."

(The question is put, and the vote is unanimous for the adoption of this Resolution.)

Chairman Billings (continuing):

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT, MASSACHUSETTS G. A. R.

Whereas, At the National Encampment held in Milwaukee in 1923 a Resolution offered by the Department of Massachusetts, amending Section 1, Article VII, Chapter 2, of the Rules and Regulations, so it would read that the election of Post officers may take place prior to December, and the installation prior to January, was passed, making the matter optional with Departments.

Be it Resolved, That the amendment is hereby accepted and adopted by the Department of Massachusetts, and it is hereby voted that the election of officers in this Department shall take place at a stated meeting in October, and the installations of said officers shall be held at a stated meeting in November. The next election to be in October of the present year.

(Signed) WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Asst. Quartermaster General.

"Since the National Encampment has endorsed such action, it is recommended by your Committee that the Resolution presented by Comrade Wetherbee be adopted by this Encampment and its recommendation followed."

Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee. "You will remember that this was a resolution of this Department last year, which you voted and it went to the National Convention and then they passed it there; so it is nothing new for us."

Commander. "Will the Comrade give an outline of it?"

Comrade Wetherbee. "This Resolution is to change the date of our Post elections from December, and the installations in January, to the election in October and installation in November. That is done, as most all of you know, for the reason that the month of January is a tough month here in New England and you cannot get out only about half the comrades at a meeting. I installed eleven Posts in January, and there was not one single instance when I had a full complement of officers, and in two of them I only had three officers present, and in the others three, four and five; they were absent on account of sickness, colds, and all that, — you know what the weather is in January. And for the comfort of comrades in attending installations, and for the comfort of the men you ask to come to install, I put in this motion last year and it was adopted — and that is all there is to it. It is to get the elections and installations into weather when you can get around without dying!"

Commander. "The Committee on Resolutions has recommended this Resolution as presented to them."

Comrade J. R. Hamilton, Post 171. "I want to emphasize a little what Comrade Wetherbee said. A year ago I had Past Dept. Comdr. Morrill for my installing officer. He started from Boston at nine A.M.; he reached Millers Falls and the train had left because of a delay in the Boston train, and at eleven o'clock he was at Millers Falls. He hired a private conveyance to come up to Northfield, 12 miles, got stuck in a snow drift, had to turn back and reached us at 8 o'clock in the evening. We waited until 5 o'clock in the afternoon for him to appear, and he reached my house about quarter of eight, installed me at 9 o'clock at my home as the only officer present, although there were Women of the Relief Corps present, as there was going to be a general installation in the afternoon. This year I was fortunate enough to have Dept. Commander Pratt come up and install the officers of my Post. We have only three capable of doing anything, and I wish to thank him and the officers willing to do anything they can for these little Posts."

Commander. "Those in favor of the motion will say — Aye." [The proposition is carried.]

Chairman Billings (reading):

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT, MASSACHUSETTS G. A. R.

Whereas, On account of the decimation in the membership of Posts, and the frequent surrendering of charters, and in a multitude of cases Posts cease functioning without carrying out the requirements of the Rules & Regulations relating thereto, be it

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to make and present to the National Encampment some plan for the action of Posts when they shall have less than five members.

(Signed) WILFRED A. WETHERBEE,
Asst. Q'rmaster-Gen. G. A. R.

"Your Committee sees no objection to that; one of them at least fails to. There is no great need for it, but we are ready to recommend its adoption."

Asst. Q'rmaster-Gen. Wetherbee. "This Resolution is put in for this purpose. We have in this Dept. something like forty (40) Posts that have five members or less — many of them less. Posts have closed up their affairs without any notice to Headquarters, and the Asst. Adj.-Gen. has been obliged to write two, three, four, five or six letters to find out why we didn't hear from the Posts, and then we found out the Post was out of existence.

"Those Posts don't have men enough to hold a meeting; some of them are sick and they cannot get out more than two. We have a Post in this Dept. that has eight members, but they could not elect any officers because they only had two members come there. It is a serious matter, because commanders when they take their obligation as commanders state that they will close up affairs honorably, and will forward charters and books of record to such historical society or public library as the Post directs, and as shall be approved by the Dept. Commander. But we have a number of cases where they don't even write. The Adj.-Gen. sends the notice for per capita tax and finds out there is no Post there.

"That is not right, and I want to appeal to commanders of small Posts that when you do get ready to give up — which I hope will not be for a long time — notify Headquarters and go out honorably, and not go out as though you were kicked out.

"For that reason I thought it was well to have the situation submitted to the National Encampment. My idea was to have the Resolution adopted by this convention and send it to the National Encampment and have them formulate a plan for all the Posts, when they get down to five members, what shall be done with them.

"And wherever a Post with small numbers gives up so that the comrades throw themselves out of the G. A. R. I would say that you are throwing yourselves out of a real home. But we have at Headquarters what we term Comrades-at-Large, and you can join that and still hold membership in the Grand Army, while you will not belong to Posts and have a vote. And I want to urge that if you wish to stay in the Grand Army you should either join that or some other Post near by; but don't get out of the G. A. R. and lose your interest — and of course membership — when there is no need of it."

Comrade J. W. Bean, Post 145. "I was simply going to say that this Resolution cannot do any harm, and it may do lots of good; so I move that it be accepted and adopted."

Comrade Norcross, Post 143. "I second that motion."

Comrade John Scates, Post 127. "We have but three members and only two get out to the meetings; but we propose to keep agoing as long as we can live, and I think that is the spirit all around throughout the Cape."

Comrade Norcross, Post 143. "I don't see any good reason why it should not be adopted or made a good deal stronger; some plan can be worked out. I have a great deal of sympathy for delinquent members. It may be quite easy for a few of us to write letters, but a great many men look upon it as a hardship. In the first place, they are poor penmen, and, secondly, they are not used to writing letters or drafting things, so matters lapse and later are neglected. Therefore, if you really knew the facts I have no doubt you would have a good deal of sympathy for their attitude in those cases.

"Now, I hope this Resolution will be made exactly to suit Comrade Wetherbee and the members of the Committee, and be made operative as far as possible as he suggests, so it can go with little addition to the National Convention."

Comrade Gay, Post 195. "Perhaps it may do no harm to state just how we are situated at East Pepperell. We have at present eight members. Up to within a week we had nine, but have laid at rest Otis A. Merrill. Just previous to his death we had mostly at our meetings 50% of our organization, which meant five out of nine. Some of those Boys were old and bent over and lame, but were enthusiastic in the cause.

"Well, we saw what was soon to take place and it was this: We have the American Legion here and the boys who fought in the last war. Our numbers are becoming depleted and perhaps our minds not as alert as in days of yore, and so we made this provision that we would as long as we were able decorate the graves of our own comrades, and turn over to the younger men of the American Legion and let them do the heavier duties of the day. I think I am speaking the truth when I say that we propose as long as it is a human possibility to retain our charter; but when the time shall have arrived that we are obliged to do so, we propose to wind up our affairs if we honorably can."

Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee. "I don't say that charters are going to be taken away, but there are lots of Posts that do not say a word when they give up charters themselves — don't notify Headquarters, and some of these small Posts that do not know how to write a letter, and do not send in the per capita tax while keeping along — why, we have ten Posts now, if the rules were carried out, would not be in the Grand Army because we would have to take their charters away. But when you go out of your own accord and give up your charter, you should notify Headquarters."

Comrade Geo. F. Wheeler, Post 180. "In regard to what Comrade Wetherbee has said, and how a Post can manage when it gets down to two or three members, — when perhaps only two members attend at a Post meeting. I have applied to Comrade Wetherbee what we should do to elect a commander, and he told me if we could not get a quorum we could receive in writing from some absent member a certificate as to whom they wished to endorse as commander. So under that ruling I appear as Commander of the Post, — not elected but because I have the sanction of those left. I thought that was a good suggestion."

Chairman Billings from the Post in Somerville (reading):

ENCAMPMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, April, 1924.

Whereas, The Grand Army of the Republic, as composed of veterans of the Civil War, must pass away, and only the Sons and Daughters can remain and should naturally inherit our glory and our goods;

Therefore Resolved, That this Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, in Department Encampment assembled on this 9th day of April, 1924, do respectfully memorialize and petition the National Encampment of this order —

1st. That such Posts of the order as have passed or nearly so their ability to keep their organizations and charters be permitted to muster into their membership a sufficient number of Sons, Grandsons, Daughters or Granddaughters of Union veterans to continue the organizations; such permission being under the supervision of the Department Commanders to see that no more are admitted than necessary, and that those admitted are pledged to such service as the case requires, and the keeping of this pledge be made a condition of continued membership.

2d. To the end that the order shall remain, during the life time of the veterans, a male body, Sons shall have a decided preference during that time.

3d. After which time they may rename the order "Sons and Daughters of the Grand Army of the Republic," and their halls shall when possible be forever "Grand Army" halls.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

(Signed) GEO. M. HOUGHTON, P.P.C.,
Surg. Q. M. & P. I. Post 139.

Endorsed by unanimous vote of Post 139 Apr. 7, 1924.

(Signed) GEO. M. HOUGHTON, *Actg. Adjt. Post 139* THOMAS F. SMITH, *Commander.*

Chairman Billings (continuing). "The Committee has carefully considered this proposal and they don't feel ready to endorse it. They feel that the Grand Army is not yet in a position to require the treatment here proposed; and so your Committee recommends that this Resolution be not adopted."

Comrade Bean. "I move that the report of the Committee on Resolutions be accepted and adopted." [Seconded.]

Comrade Houghton, P. 139. "I think the resolution rather than the report of the Committee should be adopted in this case. He tells us that the time has not yet come for this; we know in Post 139 it has not come, and our Post is strongly in hopes that it won't come for many years; but in our previous discussion of a former resolution it was thoroughly demonstrated that we have a score or two of Posts that need this resolution today, and this admission of the Sons or Daughters leaves a little bit of the Posts together, which is just what they need today.

"This Resolution does not commit my Post to that, nor Post 5, nor Post 10, but only those Posts way back in the snow drifts with one or two members, and they can take in a Son to serve as an Adjutant, etc., to keep that Post together. By and by when your Post and mine shall need that change, which won't be for a great many years, then we can adopt it. I think Posts are going out for want of it, and we are losing Posts every day."

Comrade Norcross. "I move that it be laid on the table instead of voted down."

Comrade Wetherbee. "I hope the motion will not prevail, for the reason we want to kill it dead. We don't want such a ridiculous thing as that to come in, and by adopting the report of the Committee you knock it out."

Past Commander Goodwin. "The question before the Encampment is that we accept the report of the Committee on Resolutions, not accept these resolutions."

Commander. "Those in favor of accepting the report of the Committee signify it by saying — Aye. [Which elicited an affirmative vote.] It is a vote. Now you have voted to accept the Committee's report — not to accept this."

Chairman Billings. "I will ask Comrade Bradley to present the final business of this Committee — with regard to a State Memorial."

Comrade J. Payson Bradley. "Commander and Comrades, our chairman having used up his voice calls on another member to finish our report.

"You know that for several years the Grand Army of the Republic has been working through committees to establish a Memorial. It was brought to a sudden halt during the World War, and has been taken up since; since the World War committees have been appointed by several governors to take this matter up. Governor Coolidge, now President Coolidge, God bless him, desired that this should be put through, but the question of money came in; and last year[1] it appeared that our present worthy governor in his address to the Legislature made this recommendation:

'Massachusetts, first of all the states, gave a gratuity to the men and women of this Commonwealth who served in the World War. For this purpose more than $20,000,000 has already been paid. To meet the expense of this undertaking a special poll tax was levied. From the funds so collected, after all adjustments are made, it is now apparent that there will be an excess of $2,000,000. Last year I urged that Massachusetts erect a suitable memorial to stand as an expression of the enduring gratitude of her people to those of her own who had made such glorious response to the call of country in all wars. It is still my opinion that Massachusetts ought to erect such a memorial. In any memorial plan it must be recognized that the desires of the veterans themselves should have first consideration. I hope that there may be general agreement as to form and location, and that a worthy memorial may be started at once. It seems justifiable that the $2,000,000 excess collected from poll taxes be made available for such use, since it so nearly corresponds with the spirit of the purpose for which the special tax was levied.'

"Comrades, most of you have seen through the newspapers what is in hand now, and it looks as if it would come to fruition. Our present incoming Commander has been zealous in this work, and I myself have been appointed by the Governor to

[1] January 3, 1924.

forward the matter. The Grand Army started this thing, the Spanish War and World War Veterans came in. Now we want to endorse this action of Gov. Cox and assure him that we most heartily approve of his address to the Legislature, and also send to the Legislature our vote this afternoon sustaining the Governor in this action that he has started. I think that is all we have to say on that matter.

"The Committee on Resolutions asks for the passing of a vote by this Encampment, thanking the Governor for his action in suggesting this Memorial; and we also ask that the Legislature be informed of the action we have taken, and that will bring it before the Legislature especially. I don't think there will be any cause for regret, because I can say that it was my pleasure to go all over the state, and the whole state is in favor of this; and we who started it should keep at it and show that we endorse the Governor in his recommendation to the Legislature."

Commander. "Comrades, you hear the report of the Committee on Resolutions with reference to a Memorial —"

Comrade Ham. "Mr. Commander, if I should begin to talk on that subject there is so much to be said — but I think brother Bradley has said what there is to say and said it well; and I move the adoption of the recommendation of our Committee." [Seconded.]

(The question is put and it is a vote.)

Comrade Bradley. "I want to say one word more. Your Commander-in-chief has spoken of the coming National Encampment. As I look around there are but few of us left here in the room, but, Comrades, to make this thing a success you have got to back up the committee. When you come to think that the old committees that have worked so long together in all the National Encampments we have had have nearly all passed away, though there may be one or two left, we have got a big job on our hands. We have made a success of every National Encampment heretofore, and we don't want to make a failure of this one. Although the city and state are behind it for $25,000 and it is an encampment fostered entirely by the city and state, we want it backed up by the Grand Army of the Republic.

"During the session some have come to me and said? 'How about reunions?' — and here is a good time to answer that. As chairman of the Committee on Reunions I have just had a communication from the City of Boston saying that the schoolhouses will be opened for the reunion of companies and brigades, and if any of you will send in your requests to Headquarters you will be taken care of by the Committee on Reunions.

"We have, as I said, a big job on our hands, and we must make a success of the National Encampment."

Comrade Ham. "I want to say that up to the present time we have a very efficient committee that has already made plans that I have seen. I know that Comrade Wetherbee and our Commander have had a lot of work to do during the last three or four months in conjunction with the governor and mayor, and all seem to be interested to make the Encampment a thorough success. And I believe it will be, with the work that the Committee is doing. With the help of such men as Comrade Bradley, and with all the power there is in the Grand Army of the Republic we shall prepare a rousing welcome to our visitors from all over the country, and when they leave Boston they will say that Boston has done herself credit in extending a fraternal hand to us all." [Applause.]

Commander. "The Comrades will now listen to the report of the Committee on Credentials."

Chairman Dearborn. "We have here this afternoon 424 as against 378 this morning, a gain of 46."

Commanders	69
Senior Vice-commanders	34
Junior Vice-commanders	35
Delegates	95
Past Post Commanders	191
Total	424

Comrade Wetherbee. "I move you, sir, that when we adjourn it be until 9.30 tomorrow morning, making it that earlier hour because we want to finish the proceedings of the Encampment in order to begin our Banquet at 1.30 P.M." [Seconded.]

Commander. "You have heard the motion as made, that when we adjourn it be until 9.30 A.M. tomorrow. Those in favor — It is a vote."

Adjourned.

Second Day.

Wednesday, April 9, 1924, 9.30 A.M.

Commander. "Will all the comrades be seated. I have a question to ask you but I want you all to take your seats.

"Comrades, this is the fifty-ninth anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox, and I am requested to ask all the comrades here who were present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox to rise. [26 of those present stand.]

"Now we have a few moments before the delegations arrive. I know of no business, and it is up to you to suggest any business you please to the Encampment."

Comrade Wetherbee. "There is a comrade in the hall who is the bearer of a message from the Collector of the Port of Boston, and he is a comrade in good standing and entitled to be heard. I wish you would call on Comrade Harry Berthrong and let him say what he has to say; it will be a message that will interest you all."

Commander. "Comrade Harry Berthrong, will you please step forward?"

Comrade Berthrong. "Comrade, I have just a simple message from the Collector of Customs, who sent for me this morning and asked me to tell you Boys. I don't believe there is another man in the United States a greater friend to the Grand Army than Collector Lufkin of Boston. He will have charge of many things going on in the Encampment in August, and he says he will give you passes to all the vessels — cruisers, battleships, and destroyers — in the harbor, and you will all get a chance to have your friends go aboard. Also to the Custom House tower where you can see everything for fifty miles around, and he will give you and your friends passes to go to the top. He asked me to deliver this message to you.

"I would like to say one word more, as it interests me very much, — that on the 20th of August coming I shall have been in the civil service of my government 51 years, and three years in the Civil War, making a total of 54 years; and on the 20th of August I shall be retired. I thank you." [Applause.]

Comrade Wetherbee. "I just want to say a word in behalf of the Board of Directors of the John A. Andrews Home. We have been generously treated by the Grand Army during the past two years. I wasn't here last year, much to my regret — it was one of the bluest days I ever endured. [Voice: "We missed you."] It was the first I had missed for forty years.

"But we appreciate all you are doing; the Posts are responding in good shape, though it takes about all we can get to pay the bills; at the end of the year we had about $125 in the treasury, though we have more now, but it was at the end of the business year we got down to that. We don't owe a cent to anybody; every bill is paid within three days of its presentation.

"But I want to say there are quite a lot of Posts that have not contributed, and if there are any of the commanders of those Posts here now I just want to ask that when you get home you will talk it over a little, tell your comrades what sort of a home we have out there, and ask them if they don't think they can spare out of their funds $5, $10 or possibly $12 if not any more. One little Post of only four members gave us a hundred dollars; we didn't expect that, but are always happy to get $5. A number of the Posts are giving us a dollar a month, $12 a year, and it would seem that most any Post could raise that.

"We have had compliments from high officials; the Commander-in-Chief went out there when here in January and was much pleased, so he is going out there again today to see the happy family we have there and the pleasant home they have got. It is a home — every inch of it; there is no 'institution' to it — it is a home.

"So when you feel that you can donate a little something for us I tell you it will be gratefully received, and it will take away a great deal of worry from the treasurer's mind when he has a lot of bills to pay; which, when we don't have any money, he has to take out of his pocket, though for some years that has not been the case.

"So I give you this little notice. We have sent out circulars to each of the Posts, and if you feel that you can respond — come on and the Lord will bless you. If you don't I hope he will bless you just the same."

Chairman Billings. "The following Resolution has been handed to the Committee, and I hereby report in the presence of these witnesses that I am not the only member who has seen it, as I have not seen it; and if that satisfied the desires of those who would comment I shall be grateful. [Reading]:

Whereas, It has been reported in the daily press that the repairs now being made in Faneuil Hall may involve the removal therefrom of the great picture of "Webster's Reply To Hayne," on the ground — First, that it does not chronicle an important event in our national history; and, second, that it has little merit as a work of art.

Now, Therefore, We, the Grand Army of the Republic, in convention assembled, wish to place on record our emphatic protest against the removal of this great picture from its long-held position in Faneuil Hall, as we believe that it chronicles a very important event in our national history, and seems to portray the very soul of the great triumph of Webster's eloquence over the spirit of nullification, and so commemorates a great epoch in our national life.

And be it further resolved, That this protest be sent to his Excellency Governor Cox, and to his honor mayor Curley. [Applause.]

"Which reminds me of an incident of years ago — I think it was in the 50s somewhere — when some opposition had arisen to the use of the Bible in the public schools; and you will remember that Rufus Choate, then living, uttered these words: 'What? — banish the Bible from our public schools? — Not while a piece of Plymouth Rock is left big enough to make a gun-flint of.' [Great applause.]

"Banish that picture of Daniel Webster from that great and expressive painting in Faneuil Hall? — Not while there is a single Grand Army man left that is big enough to stand and enter his protest." [Very great applause.]

Commander. "Chairman Billings, what is your report?"

Chairman Billings. "We move the adoption of this resolution."

Comrade Stanley. "I have been very much interested in the controversy over this picture. I claim to be somewhat of an art critic myself, and the man who wanted that picture removed forgot the inspiration that caused the painting of that picture; that has more to do with that picture than any other thing. It was painted from the inspiration derived from a scene in one of the greatest epochs in American history — when Webster made that memorable oration in the Congress in reply to Hayne; and I think it is time that some one puts his foot down and tells Mr. Cram that he cannot cram some of his artistic(?) ideas down the throats of the American people."

Comrade Wetherbee. "I second the motion, but I do not think it is really necessary because the Art Commission has turned down the request to take the picture out, and the Mayor has said that it shall not go out. However, it may be just as well to express our feelings, and for that reason I second the motion."

(The recommendation of the Committee is adopted by a unanimous vote.)

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "I would like to say a few words while there is an opportunity and principally to the commanders and adjutants of the various Posts. Now, it is a well known fact to you comrades that when we send out the request for delegates — or the blanks — alternates, commanders, etc., it is required in addition to the delegates the commander, senior- and junior vice- also a list of the past-commanders of the Post. At Headquarters when we get the list how do we know whether comrades are in good standing, or whether dead or alive. We don't know, if the list is not properly returned. Bear this in mind, please, when you return your credential, and add on to them for the benefit of the Adj.-Gen. a list of the past-commanders in good standing and still living. Now, don't forget it,

Comrades, for it won't take but a minute or two to think of it and do it. And don't write to Headquarters asking if you have got to send another list, because you have to. A comrade may pass out and we don't know it; and he may not be in good standing in his Post and we don't know it. We certainly want the names on the credential lists."

Officer of the Day. "I wish to state that there is a delegation of Sons of Veterans at the outpost awaiting your pleasure."

(This visitation is ushered in by Comrades Hall, Billings, McElroy and Bixby.)

Commander. "We cannot receive you all upon the platform, as we have not room for so many, but we are glad to welcome you here. We have turned over another leaf during the past year, and we take you into our deliberations proud to know that your interest in us is unabated.

"Comrades, I present to you the representative of the Division Commander of the Dept. of Mass. Sons of Veterans, coming in the place of his commander who is very busy as you may well believe. So I present to you Past Div. Commander Allen A. Bronsdon who will now address you."

P. D. C. Bronsdon. "Dept. Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, in that remarkable life of the great Master of us all there is a notable scene among the many that have been handed down to us upon the pages of sacred history. There was coming the hour when he craved the opportunity of an evening around one common table with those whose hearts were in affiliation and accord with His. But he had no roof beneath which they might gather for conference, so he bade two of his associates to go out into the market-place where he told them they would see a man with a pitcher upon his shoulder, and for them to follow him; that they would be led to an open door at a home of hospitality, and beneath that roof they would find the desired room for the consultation or conference.

"It was the custom in those days for women to go into the market-place with pitchers upon their shoulders because they had that task to perform in that oriental time. And these men went down into the market-place questioning in their own minds whether it would be likely for them to find a man bearing a pitcher upon his shoulder; but mingling with the crowd they observed such a man and they followed him along the thoroughfare until he stopped at an open door, and after he had closed the door these two men behind him knocked at the door and asked for admittance. They also asked if there was a guest chamber in the house, and if there was might it be occupied by their Master and his associates for an hour of meeting. They were bidden to enter; in that home was found the guest chamber, and it was offered to the great Nazarene; and to that humble home they all came in that season of the Passover.

"Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, you have been moving in the great market-place of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as men with pitchers upon your shoulders through these long years of service and of dignity and of reverence and adoration for your country and its flag. We of another generation, your sons, have watched you in the market-place, and we have followed behind you in the tasks and duties of the hours of life — immediately behind you to observe that home into which you entered. And we have knocked at the door and have been bidden to the guest chamber of that finest sanctuary the human heart, — the hearts of our fathers for their sons. [Applause.]

"Your influence has been that of a personal influence upon the young manhood that has come behind you into this heritage of love; and we bring the greetings of the younger encampment, for our hearts are full of love for you. We realize there has been given to us a great opportunity to follow in your footsteps and to perpetuate the splendid love you have displayed for country and for home. I know of no greater honor that can come to a man than to have flowing in his veins the blood of a sire who inspires him to loyalty and devotion to the finest principles that a patriotic organization can stand for, — principles for which his father stood for in one of the great crises of the world.

"In the language of love and esteem we come to offer our services in the years to come, being the sons of veterans who have done so much for us. And when that hour shall come when the last survivor of your organization has gone from earth

may we who tarry behind be vested with the privilege and the honor of seeing to it that the great name and principles of the Grand Army of the Republic shall not perish from the memory of man." [Applause.]

Commander. "Brother Bolton, will you please step forward. Comrades, I need not introduce to you this Son of Veteran, one who has been so dear to every member of our organization. Division Commander and National Commander, he has been both; but more than that, in this time when we are arranging for that important occasion when the Grand Army of the nation are coming here to Boston, he stands as one with the Mayor leading us on, working as none other can work with this Encampment for the success of the enterprise. I present to you Brother Fred E. Bolton, Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans." [Applause.]

Fred E. Bolton. "Commander and Comrades, it is not my intention to say very much here today because I have had the privilege so many times, and it is only fair it should be divided among us.

"You have heard the words of my friend and your friend, Allen Bronsdon, one of our Past Commanders; we know you are busy; we did not come here to talk, and we knew he would say all that is necessary. But let me assure you that, so far as the National G. A. R. Encampment is concerned, it will be a real pleasure to have the opportunity of working with you comrades. I have had a little something to do with them one way and another since 1894, and I shall be glad to have something to do in connection with the Encampment of 1924. If we can make all the comrades that come happy, then Boston will indeed be proud.

"There is surely one thing we want to do; the executive committee want to do it, and you comrades on that committee advocate it. We want every single comrade that comes to Boston, especially if he comes from other states beyond the limits of Mass., to say that he has had the best time that he ever had; and we are going to do something for just the ordinary comrade who does not wear the delegate's badge a mile long; we are going to see that he gets a pat on the shoulder and a hand-shake to let him know that he is in the good old City of Boston. You will want that done, and we are going to try to have it done. You know, comrades, that I love you, and if I talked all day I could not say more than that — I just love you." [Applause.]

Commander. "We also have present Brother Sisson who has been a Commander-in-Chief of this organization, and we would like to hear a few words from him."

Harry D. Sisson. "Dept. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army, first I will assure you that it won't take me a great while to tell you what I have to say. There is nothing left for a fellow to say after Allen Bronsdon gets through anyway.

"But I wanted to come here and see you once more, looking you squarely in the face as I have done a few times before. I agree a little bit with that old Confederate soldier who said in Washington a few years ago, 'It is a damn lie.' What is a 'damn lie' was the query. 'Why, we didn't kill any of those Yanks; they are all here yet.' So I see a great many of the same faces before me still; not younger than you used to be, but virile in age, and I congratulate you upon what the Lord has held out for you all these years.

"You have glorified the Grand Army in the past by saving the Union; and by setting up a standard of manhood and loyalty unexampled in the pages of history. There is one thing you are leaving, and we want you to leave it to us, and that is Memorial Day, which is a great instigating and inspiring source of loyalty built upon the integrity of yourselves. We as your sons claim an heirship to that, and we want you to leave it to us.

"And if I could have my way I would be frank in telling you fathers that your boys want you to will to them the use of Grand Army of the Republic; and in the years to come if we can go before this great nation, authorized by your consent to carry on for you, I believe you will not find in the sons of the Grand Army of the Republic that you have misplaced your confidence. I thank you."

Commander. "Mr. Richardson, just a few words."

P. D. C. Guy Richardson. "Commander and Comrades, I will be very brief today, just expressing the sentiment that I would rather be the tail-member of this

delegation and come into your presence today than to have any other honor that our convention could confer upon me. I have only a word to say in the language of Tiny Tim, — 'God bless us every one.'" [A voice: "Amen."]

Commander. "Now I will call on 'Billy' Anderson to close."

P. D. C. William L. Anderson. "Dept. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am very happy indeed to have this privilege of coming here this morning to pay you a visit.

"As I look out among you I see a wonderful picture, — saviours of the Union — preservers of our country and flag — teachers of patriotism and good citizenship. And I am enjoying the special honor today, as National Patriotic Instructor, of appearing and bringing to each and every one of you the greetings of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A."

Comrade Horace Forbush, Post 199. "It may not be known to many here that there is a picture in Revere of the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac, painted by an eye-witness although not an artist, which is the only painting in existence. There are photos. of it, but only this original painting, which depicts the passing of the wooden battleship and the appearance of the iron ship, changing the whole trend of modern warfare." [Applause.]

(The Sons of Veterans retire, and are succeeded by the arrival of the Army Nurses.)

Officer of the Day. "I have the honor to present to the Encampment the Army Nurses of the Civil War." [Great applause.]

(This delegation consisted of Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, President; Helen E. Smith, senior Vice-president; and Mary E. Smith, Junior Vice-president.)

Past Commander Goodwin. "Commander, yesterday a committee from his Department visited these beautiful old ladies, our Grand Army Nurses. A sweet singer of America has said:

> Life is the mirror of the king and slave;
> It is just what we are and do;
> You have given to the world the best you have,
> And the best shall come back to you.

"May I, sir, present to you Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, one of the good women who ministered to our aid on many a hard-fought field, and now with four score years stands in the glory of her womanhood to be presented to you and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

"Commander, I have the pleasure to introduce Army Nurse Mrs. Mary E Smith."

Comrade Bicknell, Post 58. "Commander, I have the privilege and honor to introduce another sister, Helen E. Smith, who in the years long past was wont to soothe the fevered brow of dear comrades who were ailing, and who also took the last words of those departing this life."

Commander. "Comrades, I would not ask these Army Nurses to climb the stairs, and they do not care to address the Encampment. Mrs. Hazen is 84 years old on the 9th of May, and the presence here of these ladies here carried with it more significance than any words they could utter."

Comrade Bicknell. "All these ladies are 84."

Commander. "The Encampment will stand at 'Attention.'"

Comrade Goodwin. "One word more. As I understand the Army Nurses by invitation of his excellency Governor Cox are to go to his room and he is to be photographed with these beautiful ladies."

(Three hearty cheers are given as the Nurses retire.)

The delegation of Ladies of the G. A. R. consisted of Martha Van Duzen, National President; Stella I. Frost, Past Dept. Pres.; Genevieve Badger, Past Pres., and Clara Palmer, P. P.

(These ladies were formally introduced to the Encampment by their respective escort.)

Commander: "Ladies, we gladly welcome you here in the presence of our comrades. You know how our hearts feel towards you, you who have done so much for us, and we look forward to the continuance of our pleasant relations for many years to come. We would like to have you all speak, but our time is limited and first I will invite Miss Frost to the rostrum."

Miss Stella I. Frost. "Dept. Commander of the Grand Army of Republic of Mass., I bring you the greetings of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and also the best of love from our Dept. President. I am not going to make a very long speech because we have Sister Van Duzen our National President with us; but I know that you know we love every member of the Grand Army and of our labors to help you all; and when, as the years go by, your organization shall cease to exist we will keep your memory green and bear witness to your brave deeds in saving the Union and the flag.

"On behalf of our members I wish to present to you this small gift. Now, you can spend it for peanuts or anything you like, but we give it to you as an expression of the love of every one of us." [Applause.]

Commander Pratt. "Miss Frost, I am very thankful to you for this gift, and will you please express to your associates my kindest feelings. If I have been kind to them in the past I promise you I will continue to be so as long as I live, and will you please convey to them more of my thankfulness then I can now express.

"Comrades, I will now present the National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. — Martha Van Duzen." [Applause.]

Martha Van Duzen. "Commander and Comrades, Sister Frost has delivered the greetings and I know you are very busy, so I am not going to occupy much of your time. I am indeed very happy and honored to salute you, comrades, with fraternal affection in the name of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and would say to you that we renew our pledges of love and devotion to the cause you have supported so well.

"We realize, comrades, that we cannot do you too much honor, or render too much of tender tribute — too much of loving reverence for your preservation of the Union, and with hearts full of love we renew our loyalty to you. I thank you, comrades." [Applause.]

Genevieve Badger. "I wish to bring the greetings of our own Circle of which you are a member, — Somerville Circle No. 28."

Comrade Clark. "Of which we are all members, Mr. Commander."

(The Ladies retire amid applause.)

Asst. Adj.-Gen. Pike. "With your permission I would like to read a letter just received:

EAST CAMBRIDGE, April 9, 1924.

The Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Boston, Mass.

GENTLEMEN: — The Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Mass. earnestly request the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session to adopt the following resolution: —

Resolved, That the Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic now in session approves of the efforts of the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea to secure an appropriation for a new fireproof building to replace the old wooden building.

Yours truly,
(Signed) TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIERS' HOME,
by its President, JOHN M. WOODS.

Commander. "What will you do with this resolution?"

Comrade Bixby, Post 26. "I move its adoption." [Seconded.]

Past Comdr. Goodwin. "Commander and Comrades, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea I will say that Comrade Woods has a real case which I think should be brought before this Dept.

"Being a builder by calling at the request of the Board of Trustees I made a survey of the situation last summer and found the building to be in a deplorable condition. To make a long story short, the Board of Trustees voted at the annual meeting in September of last year to have Pres. Woods bring before the Committee of Ways & Means of the Legislature now in session, and try to secure an appropriation for a new home.

"Comrades, just one word more. If you would know what the old building is out at the Home, in God's name go out there and see it. Those old fellows there are living an excellent life as comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and

this is just an humble appeal from your comrades who are Trustees of that Home to try to secure an adequate building in order that these fine old fellows may have a good home as long as they live, — for a *home* and not for an institution. That is all." [Applause.]

Commander. "Is there any further discussion? Those in favor of adopting the Resolution will say — Aye." [It is a unanimous vote.]

Officer of the Day. "I have the honor to present the President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and her associates."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor to introduce to you the National President of Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, Mrs. Emma Finch of Indianapolis, Indiana."

Escorting Comrade. "Commander, I have the honor to present to you Miss Mabel M. Ham, Past Division President of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor to present to you Past Division Pres. Miss Cora Hanners of the Sons of Veterans Aux."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor and the pleasure to present Miss Grace Howland, Patriotic Instructor Sons of Veterans Aux."

Commander Pratt. "I am sorry we had to keep you waiting so long; there was a misunderstanding as to your arrival, but we welcome you just the same. Comrades, you will now listen to the Chairman of this delegation, Miss Mabel M. Ham."

Mabel M. Ham. "Dept. Commander and Comrades in this splendid gathering, I was indeed pleased and honored by our Div. Pres. when she gave me the privilege of coming here as chairman of this committee to bring to you the greetings of the Sons of Veterans Aux. This is the fourth time that honor has been conferred upon me, and I assure you that I appreciate it. No greater honor could come into the life of any Sister of any one of these allied patriotic organizations than to be privileged to come to a gathering of this kind.

"I want to tell you what it is hardly necessary for me to tell you, that we appreciate you Boys in Blue; we realize what you have done for us; we know that through your sacrifices and your services back in the years when you were just young boys we have this country of ours; we owe everything to you, — everything we are and everything we hope to be. [Applause.] We know that if it were not for what you Boys did way back in '61–'65 we might not be here today, because if you had not kept the North and South together where would we have been in the last World War? We could not have sent that wonderful army across the sea, which achieved victory over there and brought back that flag to you and to us just as unsullied as when you brought it to us. They were your flesh and blood, and we appreciate what you have done; we honor you and will never forget you as long as we live. Our children will not forget you, because they are going to be taught and are going to realize your splendid deeds in the same way. And now I am going to give you this little check for $200. We wish it were many, many times more, but please accept it with the love of every one of us." [Applause.]

Commander. "What shall we do with this check?"

Comrade Wetherbee. "I move you, sir, that it be accepted with thanks and put in the hands of the Quartermaster Gen." [Laughter.]

Commander. "I will now present to you another lady of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Emma Finch the National Pres." [Applause.]

N. P. Emma Finch. "Comrades of my father, it is a real privilege for me to come over here to Boston and look into the faces of so many comrades, many of whom I have seen at the National Encampments.

"It is my good fortune to have materially served the Grand Army for a great many years. Back in Indiana ten years before my marriage I was secretary of the Adjutant-General of the Dept. of Indiana, and it was my greater privilege when Gen. Ketchum was commander-in-chief to serve one year as his secretary. So I feel close to the organization.

"Today I want to bring to you the greetings of your oldest Dept. Sons of Veterans Aux. representing 30,000 earnest, patriotic women endeavoring to do everything they can to advance your interests and your cause. Just now we are actively engaged in pledging our support to you through our Congressmen to aid and assist

in passing this Bursom Bill, and if the real and earnest efforts of your oldest Dept. will profit anything, I am sure it will go through the Congress at an early date. I believe we are strong in our efforts in behalf of this Bill.

"I am greatly privileged to be here and look into the faces of these splendid comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I thank you for your attention." [Applause.]

Commander. "I now present to you Past Div. Pres. Mrs. Cora Hanners."

Mrs. Cora Hanners. "Commander Pratt and members of this Encampment, I am very sure that no greater honor could come to me than to be in the delegation chosen to visit your convention. I feel that I not only represent the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary but also my father who was one of your comrades. I have always had a very tender place in my heart for the Grand Army of the Republic, because when a very small child I was closely associated with my father; we were great pals, and it was always an inspiration to see the fraternal feeling which existed between him and his comrades. I could never quite understand just why there was such a cordial feeling, but in later years when I learned more about the associations gathered throughout the country, the friendships made during the War, and what true comrades they really were, I thoroughly understood and appreciated it; and at the first opportunity I lost no time in becoming affiliated with an order that would be in touch with the Grand Army of the Republic, and as a Sons of Veterans auxiliary, known as the Ladies Aid Association, was instituted in Beverly I became one of the charter members and for 24 years last November have been associated with that order.

"We have always done all we could for the Grand Army directly and indirectly through our Camp; we have lost no opportunities, and I assure you that I am a true daughter of a veteran although I never became associated with the Daughters of Veterans, as there were none adjacent to us; but I have done the work just the same only in a different way.

"Now, I do not wish to take more time, but do feel that I must say a few words to Commander Pratt. I had the pleasure of meeting him a few times this year, and I saw very much of your Dept. Commander last year, and would have liked very much to visit your Encampment. But I am very glad to come this year and visit Commander Pratt, for he has been to Beverly on one or two occasions, and I have heard several times the good things he has said about us. And now, Commander Pratt, it gives me very great pleasure, in behalf of the Mass. Division Sons of Veterans Auxiliary to present to you this little personal gift, and I trust you may have many occasions to use it, particularly in the sun shine. But we do not always have that, so you will also have something for the storms of your life. And it is something you must not forget, because when you take it with you we don't want you to forget the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, and neither should you forget *that*. I thank you." [Applause.]

Commander Pratt. "Mrs. Hanners, I sincerely thank you and your Sister Members for this gift. Yes, I am thankful for this, and please express to your Sister Members this declaration of mine, that if I have proved myself worthy of it I do not know it; and if I have done anything good in the past remember that in the future I shall follow in the same footsteps in my relations with that same organization. I thank you. Mrs. Grace Howland, Patriotic Instructor, will speak to you."

Mrs. Grace Howland. "I thank you, Mr. Commander; it is not really necessary for me to say one word. It is certainly a great honor and a pleasure to be allowed to accompany this efficient committee, of which I am only one member, and I cannot help expressing my love for this Grand Army of the Republic. I admire Comrade Pratt; I have been associated and visited with him a great deal this past year, living in the same section of the state, and I certainly love the work and am more than pleased to do anything I can to further the interests of the Boys of the Grand Army — and the principles for which they fought." [Applause.]

Commander. "Comrades, you will vote your thanks for what these ladies have done for us by giving them a salute. Present arms! Attention!"

Mrs. Ham. "God bless every one of you Boys, and may every one of you come to the Encampment next year."

Comrade Knowles. "I think it right and proper that this assembly give a vote of thanks to the Collector of the Port of Boston for his generous proposition that he has made to us here this morning through Comrade Berthrong; and I move that he be instructed to convey the thanks of the Encampment to the Collector."

(The question is put and it is a unanimous vote.)

Officer of the Day. "I have the honor to introduce to you the Daughters of Veterans of Massachusetts."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor to present to you the Patriotic Instructor of Daughters of Veterans, Miss Dora M. McCue."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor to introduce Past Nat'l President Sister Nellie Goodman, and we certainly know her as a good man(?)."

Escorting Comrade. "I have the honor to present the President of Tent 69 of Stoughton, Miss Bessie C. Porter."

Other members of this delegation were, — Past Pres. Elizabeth A. Hayward; Past Pres. of Tent 64, Framingham, Iva E. Brown, — a daughter of Past Dept. Comdr. Granville C. Fiske.

Commander. "Ladies, we gladly welcome you here today. We are always pleased to receive our Daughters for we know what they are to us, and that they have been true and good in our work; so we thank you kindly at this time for all you have done for us, and shall be pleased to hear some words of cheer. Miss Goodman, Past Nat'l Pres., will you address the convention?"

Miss Nellie Goodman. "Commander Pratt and Comrades, it is again my happy privilege to visit your convention and bring to you the greetings of Mass. Dept. Daughters of Veterans. I am particularly pleased this morning to come before you because such a fine feeling has developed, such a royal comradeship, with your Commander since a few years ago when I went to his little town of Stoughton to try to institute a Tent of Daughters of Veterans. I had his loyal support, and I am pleased indeed to tell this convention that through the courtesy and many kindnesses of your Commander I was able to present to my Dept. a splendid Tent of Daughters.

"Dear Comrades, it is a privilege and joy to come and bring our greetings to you. It is wonderful to see so many here. We have just had the pleasure of receiving your greetings' committee at our convention, and we gave them the greatest welcome we could give to anybody.

"What love could be greater than a daughter's love for her father; so each and every Daughter of a Veteran, some 450 in convention assembled, this morning sent their greetings to you, and it is my privilege to bring them. And to your Commander I bring these posies, which may add a bit of sunshine to the occasion; and I also have with me another member of the Daughters — a splendid working member who has been working hard all the year in order that we may bring you something besides flowers; and I am going at this time to introduce to you our Patriotic Instructor, Dora M. McCue." [Applause.]

Miss Dora M. CcCue. "This is the first time I have ever had the great pleasure of coming to a Grand Army Encampment, and I must congratulate you upon the great number present.

"One year ago when elected Patriotic Instructor for the Daughters of Veterans it was my desire to work for you comrades, and with the president's consent I started right in, and we were so successful that now, dear Commander, it is my great pleasure to present to you this check for $500 — [applause] — with my love and the love of the Daughters which they always have for the fathers."

Commander Pratt. "I know that last night when visiting the Daughters of Veterans your Dept. Pres. said I was always smiling, but I want to say to you, as I have said to her, that if I ever smiled in her presence I received back as good a smile from her. So this pleasant greeting that you bring to me in this form (bouquet) — I accept it with cordial thanks. I remember when she came into my town. We had doubts if a Tent should be established in Stoughton, as there might be rivalry between them and other organizations, but it went through finely. It took energy to accomplish that but she did it, and we are glad that they are with us in my home town.

"And now for this present — I will not ask my Comrades to give a vote of

thanks to you because I know their hearts so well; we who have been together know what this means to you, and our expression to you is spoken louder and deeper in our hearts than our mouths would give it to you. We thank you — is the least I can say in words.

"Now I wish to offer one who is representing that Tent in Stoughton, and whom we proudly love because we have received so much comfort and encouragement in our little Post out there, — Bessie C. Porter, Pres. of our home town Daughters of Veterans."

Bessie C. Porter. "Comrades, I have wished often that I might go to a convention of the Grand Army but didn't see how it were possible; and now that I am here I feel somewhat like the little girl who went to school for the first time, and as she heard the teacher call the roll and the children answered 'Present,' when her name was called she began to cry. The teacher asked what was the matter, and the little girl replied, 'I have not got a present today but I will bring one tomorrow.'" [Laughter.]

"I feel like crying though I have a present today; I brought it with me and that is why I am here. Mr. Pratt, this is from the Daughters of your home town. We appreciate your kindnesses to us, and this little gift is just a token. I thank you." [Applause.]

Commander Pratt. "Miss Porter, I thank you for this gift. If you think you have been favored by what I have done, what can you think of us who have been favored with so much of what you and those you represent have done for us and our Post. There is no Daughter of a Veteran more respected than this lady. Her father was a good member of our Post, and after we laid him to rest she has continued in the work. I thank you, Miss Porter, for all this; may God bless you, and may your Tent and your order go on and on as it has in the past."

Sister Goodman. "We brought with us also a daughter of one of your Past Dept. Commanders, Mrs. Iva E. Brown of Framingham."

Commander Pratt. "Comrades, you remember Granville C. Fiske, whom you all knew so well and how faithful he was as your Dept. Commander and all through his life as a Grand Army man. And this is his daughter whom I present to you."

Mrs. Iva E. Brown. "Commander and Comrades, I have faced many audiences but I think never with quite the feeling that I face the comrades of my dear father. I realize what it has meant to you in suffering and war and what you have endured since, and my heart goes out in sympathy to every one of you each time I see you.

"But I feel that we must not only honor our Grand Army comrades, but we as Daughters of Veterans in our lives must conduct ourselves so that our descendants can honor us with the same feeling, and I only hope that the Daughters will uphold the honor of their fathers and leave increased honor to their descendants. I thank you." [Applause.]

A visiting committee from the Woman's Relief Corps then appeared, consisting of Susan D. Phinney, Dept. Pres., Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle, Miss Emily Corey, Miss Ella Pratt and Mrs. Carrie Rockwood, all of whom were formally presented.

Commander. "I will first introduce Mrs. Phinney."

Mrs. Susan D. Phinney. "Mr. Commander, it gives me great pleasure to come here this morning and bring to you the greetings of the Mass. Dept. Woman's Relief Corps. I trust you have been having a very successful convention and that all your comrades have enjoyed it here. I see a few familiar faces from my own locality, and it pleases me to think that they are able to be present. I want to present to you these flowers as an expression of the best wishes we have for you.

"At this time I will read you the Report of our Dept. to the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic — I am very sorry I have not the full report with me to read; the figures are not all down here, therefore I cannot show the comrades all that the wonderful ladies of our order have done this year, — the different contributions that have been received, the special funds, the patriotic aid, the Soldiers' Home aid, and I am sure many of you know what that has been. We have presented to the Hospital in Rutland over 100 bed-lamps for the Boys who have to lie in bed; of course with the dark halls they could not see to read, and we were very glad to be able to provide every Boy who was in bed the 24 hours a bedside lamp. We have also given them a Victrola to cheer the hours.

SUSAN D. PHINNEY

Department President, Woman's Relief Corps

1923-1924

"Then there was the Army Nurses Aid; we try to care for those venerable ladies who cared for you when you needed help. They also have a committee to furnish money to buy flowers to take to members.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT W. R. C. TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER G. A. R.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. MASS. WOMAN'S CORPS,
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
BOSTON, MASS, April 9, 1924.

GEORGE W. PRATT, *Commander Department Massachusetts G. A. R.*

DEAR SIR: — I herewith present you a statement of the membership, receipts and expenditures of the Department of Massachusetts, Woman's Relief Corps, during my administration:

Number of Corps in the Department January 1, 1924	161
Number of members January 1, 1924	14,144
Cash expended from Corps Relief fund	$4,648 37
Amount turned over to Post G. A. R.	3,486 91
Estimated value of relief other than money	1,846 34

Expended from Special Funds.

Department Relief fund	$672 00
Soldiers' Home fund (3 rooms)	103 08
Soldiers' Home Dormitory	42 85
Southern Memorial fund	440 00
Emergency fund	75 00
Americanization fund	285 04
Near East Relief fund	124 52
Army Nurse Fund (National)	47 00
National Birthday fund	123 20
Memorial Scholarship fund	334 70

Contributions received and expended.

Department Headquarters Aides	$400 74
Department Patriotic Aides	1,225 75
Soldiers' Home Aides	674 64
World War Veterans Aides	89 60
Army Nurses Aides	28 00
Convention Flower Committee	40 98
New England Hospital Aides	704 58
Child Welfare Aides	151 80

Amount on Hand in Department Funds April 1, 1924.

Department Relief Fund	$1,798 17
General fund	2,179 61
Soldiers' Home Dormitory	393 20
Soldiers' Home fund (3 Rooms)	281 06
Southern Memorial Fund	7 00
Emergency fund	874 45
Mary Jones Patriotic fund	233 07
Child's Welfare fund	100 92
World War Veteran Relief fund	391 60
Americanization fund	304 50
Memorial Scholarship fund	42 00
Other Special funds	71 83
Total cash in all funds	$6,677 41

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

SUSAN D. PHINNEY,
Department President.

"Now, I had several other things to bring down here with me, — I have some certificates, and it was rather inconvenient to bring them in my hand so I brought this bag. So I have no use for it now and will leave it with you, Commander Pratt; perhaps you will find some use for it. [Laughter.]

Commander Pratt. "For this traveling bag and for these flowers I thank you most cordially. I assume that they are from your Dept. and I do not know what I have done to make myself worthy of the honor shown by these gifts. I appreciate highly what you and yours have done for us as a Dept. and for me personally, and I know that every comrade will remember it as long as they live —"

Officer of the Day. "I have the honor to report the arrival of the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Belle W. Bliss."

Commander. "Comrades, I have before me, and you have before you, the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and I present Mrs. Bliss to you."

Mrs. Belle W. Bliss. "Commander and Comrades, and comrades of my husband for some of you may have served the country at the same time and shoulder to shoulder with my husband. He was a New York man in the army, but a Vermont man and a New Englander by birth; he was in the 6th Corps 77th N. Y. and there may be some one here who was with him. I never hesitate to speak of it because I am so glad to meet them when present at any of these gatherings; he served 3 yrs. and 8 months in the army and twice escaped just by a hair's breadth being an inmate of Andersonville, that prison pen every inch of which is hallowed to the North and to the American people. I have just come from there and I cannot tell you the impressions I had while walking over that hallowed ground.

"I am older than some of you may think [laughter] and I am not at all sensitive about my age — you know that is unlike the majority of women — but I was six years old when the War broke out and I remember the Boys as they marched away; and eight of the Boys who lived in our own neighborhood were left at Andersonville. And when I went there one of the hopes I had was to find traces of some of those Boys. The teacher in our district school, two young men who worked for my father, and who held me on their knees many a time or rocked me to sleep when a child, I failed to find their names registered in the National Cemetery, but we know they were left there. And when I walked over the ground that some of you are probably familiar with, and looked at those places in the side hill which the men had dug out with their hands and with pieces of old tin cans, where during a storm sometimes the roof caved in and covered the living, — made a living tomb for them — I wondered and had the feeling that perhaps they were lying there. So you can imagine something of my feelings when I only found the tomb of one young man; one young boy who marched away with my brother in the 19th Wisconsin, and later on the 36th Wisconsin. I walked right straight up towards the home where the care-taker lived and happened to look down and saw the name; and Mrs. Ball who was with me said, 'Now I am so glad you found one, because you can take the word back to your home that you found his grave.' But I said to her, 'There is no one left there who would even care except the Grand Army of the Republic; his people are all dead or gone away.'

"But to me it was an inspiration, and I am very proud of the fact that the Woman's Relief Corps took up that work even though they turned it over to the Government; but they are keeping up the inside of the building where any of you may go and will be welcomed, and some of you probably have been entertained there. I won't dwell on this.

"I desire to bring to you the greetings of over 200,000 members of the Woman's Relief Corps, and it has the distinction of being the largest woman's patriotic organization in the world. [Applause.] We are proud to be your auxiliary; we are proud to work for the Boys of '61–'65, and they are our first thought and our work is for them. But as your numbers have diminished and ours have increased we, the loyal working women of these United States, have branched out into other service, though never to the neglect of the Old Boys of '61–'65 — they come first. But we have established a fund for the World War veterans, — for child welfare, which means so much to every American citizen; because the children are coming on to take the places of all loyal men and women, and we want to teach them loyalty, we want to teach them thrift; and you and I know — because

I am looking into the faces of men who know that what I am telling you is true — that a penny meant more to you than $10 does to the average boy today. [Laughter and applause.] We want to teach them thrift, — to take care of their pennies so that they may be increased to dollars.

"And I am sorry to say that we ofttimes meet parents of those children who are to blame because they do not know what thrift means. Even parents often allow them to let the pennies drop through their fingers, for nothing less than twenty-five cents means anything to a boy or girl of today, and that means very little. It is the dollars that seem to count, and we are trying to teach them that they must not only take care of the dollars but of themselves, — their character, their health, and educate them to swear allegiance to our country's emblem — the flag which you Boys fought for and saved, and which made it possible for the last war to be successful. Only for you we would have had no country — we all know that.

"Now, I thank you for the attention you have given me. It has been an inspiration to me to come back to the town where my father started in business in the early 30s — by his father who lived in New Hampshire. My grandfather had a hat and cap business in Manchester. Later they started for the west and took up land in Wisconsin, and I was born there — one of the finest states in the Union. [Applause.] I am proud of Wisconsin, and also proud of the fact I am an American citizen, and that I am of New England extraction — from every side and every angle." [Applause.]

Commander. "I will now present a lady who has just been elected chairman of the Executive Board, Miss Emily Corey."

Miss Emily Corey. "Commander, President, and Comrades of my father, it certainly is a very proud moment for me to stand before you this morning. I am not a speech maker, but I want to pledge to you the same as I did to my own Dept. this morning the very best in me to do all I can to help you in every way possible, for my heart and soul is in the work. I thank you." [Applause.]

Commander. "I will now present to you the Past Dept. Sec'y, Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle."

Mrs. Hattie M. Tuttle. "Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I assure you that it is a great honor to be put upon this committee to come here; but I know why I was selected and it was because Comrade Ham is a member of my Post, — the Post that my husband belonged to, the Post that our Corps 20 is auxiliary to; and I think that Comrade Ham is one of two charter members of his Post organized in 1880, and I am one of two charter members of Corps 20 organized in 1882.

"For quite a number of years I have been Secretary of the Dept. Relief Committee and it has been a sacred privilege, to work for those who are in need — who need sunshine brought into their lives. Our Committee is a large one and we do a grand work; we do not do now so much as we did in previous years for the Grand Army of the Republic, but whenever there is a case comes before us that some one of the Grand Army needs just a tiding over for a little time, we are most happy to give them something to tide them over with.

"And now, Mr. President, I want to say to Comrade Ham, who has been elected Dept. Commdr. for the coming year, that Corps 20 will stand behind him in every way that we can; and I know that Comrade Ham is as loyal to 20 as 20 is loyal to Post 2." [Applause.]

Commander. "I am going to present to you now a lady from my own home town, who is President of our Relief Corps No. 99 of Stoughton, Mrs. Carrie Rockwood."

Mrs. Carrie Rockwood. "It certainly is a pleasure to be here this morning, and if anybody had told me today I was coming here I would not have believed the fact. But it has been made possible, and my mission seems to be to tell you all the things I know about Commander Pratt. Well, I cannot tell you anything you don't know, or how much our Corps thinks of him.

"And Commander Pratt, in behalf of Corps 99 I wish to present to you this little token of love and esteem from Corps 99."

Commander Pratt. "Mrs. Rockwood, please convey to the members of your

organization my heart-felt thanks for this gift. If I have proved faithful to you in your estimation in the past, it will be my desire to continue so in the future. I thank you kindly.

"Now I will present to you another of this Corps. She is one of my own family, — nearer than the Corps — Miss Ella Pratt." [Applause.]

Miss Ella Pratt. "Commander and Comrades, I want to say that I consider it a signal honor to be here this morning with this sister from Stoughton. I am no speech maker but I thank you."

Mrs. Phinney. "I would like to add that I have considered it such a privilege and pleasure to work with your Commander during this past year, one for whom I have had the greatest respect."

Commander Pratt. "I will say that it has been a most pleasant year on account of the faithfulness of this lady, not only to her members but it has been an added pleasure to me because of what she has done for us and for me. Comrades, rise and salute. 'Attention!' "

(The Woman's Relief Corps delegation then retires.)

Comrade Dearborn, Post 12. "The Committee on credentials offers this further report:

Total number present	305
Post Commanders	58
Senior Vice-commanders	38
Junior Vice-commanders	31
Delegates	72
Past Post Commanders	88
Department Officers	18
Total	305

Comrade Henry A. Monk, Post 87. "A very pleasant duty has fallen upon me, Mr. Commander. You are about to retire from the office of Commander of this Department. It has been customary for a long time for the Comrades to present some memorial to the retiring Dept. Commander as a token of their regard. You have been faithful in the performance of your duties and have devoted many hours both day and night in that work.

"The memorial has usually taken a certain form, but in looking the situation over we found that you had been supplied with a badge from associate members of your Post, and therefore did not need anything in that line. We have watched over your actions during the past year and concluded you didn't need any further watch-ing. We believe, too, that you don't need a cane, and hope you will not require the assistance of one for several years to come. We considered an umbrella and a raincoat, but thought you knew enough to stay in out of the rain — so the memorial has taken a different form.

"I wish to thank all the Posts that have responded to my circular for their kind attention to it. And, Mr. Commander, we hope after you retire to the ranks that we shall very often see your face, and we are confident from the character of your services that we shall see you very often. We trust that you will enjoy your rest, and I have the pleasure of presenting to you this envelope containing a little contribution to you; and I want to assure you that it is not the material part of it, but its coming from the hearts of your comrades in this Dept. all over the Commonwealth of Mass. that makes it an appreciation of the services you have rendered; and we hope you will enjoy many years of the honors you have earned by the services you have given us."

Commander Pratt. "Comrades, I am very thankful for this, and to all those who have had a share in this token that you know, you will convey my thanks to them. I receive it in all kindness, and hope to be the same comrade I have been in the past, not commander but one of the past commanders, but more than that — a comrade, which to me is far dearer than the word 'Commander.' I thank you again."

Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee. "About the National Encampment. The committee has been at work some time and has the halls arranged for the meetings of the Encampment.

"The Grand Army will meet in Symphony Hall. The Woman's Relief Corps in Tremont Temple. The Ladies of the G. A. R. in Convention Hall. The Daughters in Paul Revere Hall. The Sons of Veterans in the Hotel Somerset.

"Now, if you want to engage rooms ahead you should address a letter requesting the Accommodation Committee to secure such a room or rooms as you may want. The hotels have guaranteed that their prices will not be one cent higher than at any time, but you must understand that two are to go in each room at the price given; if a room is $4 a day it will be $2 apiece; and the rooms vary from $3.50 a day to $8, depending on the hotel and whether you want a bath convenience."

Commander. "Explain why we have it in August, and why not in September as in other places."

Comrade Wetherbee. "I will say, — we have had five Encampments here, the 1st in May, but every one of the four has been in August, which is the only month the hotels can take care of us. The first committee meeting was with the hotel proprietors, and it was the universal decision that they wanted us in August. You know that Boston is one of the great tourist cities of the country and during the months of summer and fall they turn away thousands of people every week.

"The Parade will be Tuesday the 12th. The semi-official meeting, for the greetings of the various orders, will be on Monday evening, and that will be held in Symphony Hall. Tuesday night a big Campfire at the Mechanics Building. Wednesday morning the Encampment will open, and will continue all day Wednesday and Thursday. Wednesday night it is expected that the allied organizations will tender a reception to the Commander-in-Chief; and if that is done, in all probability it will take place in the Cadet Armory, one of the handsomest and best armories we have in the city, and which will be able to take care of an immense crowd. Thursday forenoon, and until the time to close, will be the closing of the National Encampment. Further than that we have not made arrangements as yet.

"The Committee on Entertainment is preparing for comrades and delegates, and we are planning entertainment not only for the delegates and officers but for the rank and file. One thing is in the air, though it may not become a fact, namely, to have a steamer making free trips in the Harbor for those who wish to take the ride; but all the amusements are uncertain at the present time. Friday will be spent entertaining delegates and such others as may come.

"I think that gives you a pretty good idea of what we are to do, and we want the Posts to try and make it a gala occasion. We have been two or three times where things have been wide-open; they have given us the time of our lives; in Des Moines you never saw such hospitality as we got; they had their arms wide open; there were thousands of automobiles placed at the disposition of the committee for the convenience of visitors. It was the biggest time we had anywhere. We cannot do that, because we are more conservative than the Westerners, but we will give them all that money can buy, and we are going to try to furnish the very best time it is possible to give, and we want every man to march on the Parade, and for those who cannot march autos will be provided.

"It will be a short Parade, starting at the corner of Arlington and Boylston streets, going through Arlington St. to Boylston, then Boylston to Tremont; Tremont to Temple Place; Temple Place to Washington; and Washington St. to Dock Square. It will be a short march, and those who can march won't have a very arduous one.

"In 1917 we had 8,400 members, and this last year we have less than 3,600; so those left have kind of got to brace up in order to make a good showing.

"A comrade asks what arrangements have been made with the Boston Elevated Railway for transportation. Everywhere else transportation has been free to the Grand Army and auxiliary organizations, but the city of Boston has never done that, and the inquiry is whether the Committee of Arrangements are interviewing

the Trustees of the Elevated to see if something can be done toward free rides. Personally I can say that has been under consideration, and if possible to get it we will get it."

Past Comndr. Wilder. "Your committee appointed, to take the greetings of the Dept. to the Woman's Relief Corps have attended to their duty and were royally received."

Past Comndr. Clark. "The Ladies of the G. A. R. did what we would expect of our blood relations. Their hearts were warm, and they took us all into the order, gave us each a badge, and requested us to bring the greetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. to you."

Asst. Qrmstr.-Gen. Wetherbee. "Speaking for your committee of visitation to the Daughters of Veterans would say that we were splendidly received. They were having a beautiful convention there, and the response made to the little talks we gave them from one of the Past Presidents was very touching, — the most beautiful response I ever heard come from the lips of a woman."

Past Comndr. Goodwin. "Your committee visited the Army Nurses, attended to its duties at the Parker House yesterday afternoon and were most graciously received by those grand old ladies. They were conducted here today and you know the result.

"May I say just one word. We were pleased to almost kneel at the feet of these remarkable women, and we think it just a grateful tribute in remembrance of the old, old days of long ago."

Past Comndr. Knowles. "The committee to visit the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary performed its duty, and I desire to report that I believe no committee ever received better treatment than we did at the hands of that fine organization."

Past Comndr. Ames. "The committee deputed to visit the Sons of Veterans have performed their duty, and I would report that we were most enthusiastically received by them. I was only sorry we could not be here to listen to those that came here to bring greetings to you. But the Sons of Veterans, that loyal body of our sons, — I was never received better than I was this time, and I thank you for the honor of going.

"There seems to be a misunderstanding or misconnection in all our committees, which are supposed to escort them in; and if they get here first we are supposed to escort them back, but as regards the Sons of Veterans we could not do it because we crossed fire."

Commander Ryder, Post 203. "I want to call attention to the fact that our Barnstable County Grand Army Association meets in Falmouth a week from tomorrow, the 17th of April. Now I don't know as many of you have come down to Cape Cod to cheer us up, but we exceedingly desire to have you come if you can. Some of our Posts have entirely disappeared as to membership, but we have a few down there yet to 'hold the fort,' and we propose to hold it as long as there is one member left. We have six members only in the Bourne Post, of which I happen to be the Commander, and I don't think we are the strongest Post left, but pretty nearly so. The Post at Provincetown — every member has passed away, and the Post at Chatham is in the same condition. The Post at Hyannis has, I think, but a few members, so there are now no active Posts except at Bourne, Falmouth, Centerville and Sandwich, though I am not sure how large the numbers are in the whole four Posts.

"Your newly elected Commander Ham will be present with us at Falmouth on the 17th. We would highly appreciate the presence of every visiting comrade, and we will endeavor to make you happy. I am dead sure that you will make us happy if any of you find it possible to come. We need your cheering company."

Commander. "Is there any further business? If not we will proceed to the installation of officers, as the Guard reports that the Commander-in-Chief is in waiting for the purpose.

"Thereupon the incoming elected and appointed officers were duly installed by the Commander-in-Chief, and the business features of the 58th Encampment ended, the only remaining function being the banquet."

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The officers and comrades attendant upon the business sessions of the 58th Encampment adjourned to Kingsley Post Hall to partake of the afternoon banquet.

Commander Pratt presided. The head table was set for Governor Channing H. Cox, Mayor James M. Curley, Commander-in-Chief Gaylord M. Saltzgaber of Van Wert, Ohio, Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, Commander of the American Legion, William L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor, Mass. Div. Sons of Veterans, William M. Hogan, Dept. United Spanish War Veterans, Captain F. D. Karns of the U. S. Navy Yard, Gen. M. L. Hersey, Army Base, South Boston, Captain William N. McKenna, Ancient & Honorable Artillery Co., Captain Lawson, representing Gen. J. H. Dunn.

Commander Pratt. "Comrades, give your attention while J. Payson Bradley, Chaplain of Post 2, asks the divine blessing."

"Almighty Father, with grateful hearts we assemble here to pay our devotion to the cause which years ago we stood for on the battlefield. We are thankful that Thou hast permitted so many of us of this dear old Department to gather here to greet our Department Commander, to greet our Commander-in-Chief, and to renew the comradeship which was formed on the firing line. God bless us and go with us through the few years Thou givest unto us. May we be as faithful in the future as we have been in the past, and may we be ever present to do our duty to our God, our country and our fellow man. Bless unto us the bounty Thou hast spread before us, and make us mindful that it all comes from Thy hand. We ask it in the name of our Great Commander, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen."

Commander Pratt. "A year ago, comrades, when I met you here, as your new commander, I said that with your help my term of office would be successful, but without it the result of my efforts must be barren. But, comrades, you have been true to me; not a word that has come from any lips has been anything but of the kindest that could be uttered by anybody. Yes, as we gathered then, though we had some sitting here who have gone, we promised to be faithful to our trust. And no matter who will be your leader; stand by him as you would have others stand by you, were you at the head of this grand organization.

"Comrades, my first work — my first official duty so I felt — was a year ago, thinking of the old time when at our capital was governor John A. Andrew; how we offered our services then to him for our country; so did I offer my services and all that I could do in a patriotic way to Governor Cox, and also another offer to his honor the Mayor of Boston. [Applause.] And, comrades, I did not do this for myself; I did it for you, knowing that you would stand by me in what I had done, and I had hardly got into the traces of Department Commander before his honor called on me to go down to yonder Common and there with him to dedicate a tree that was planted to the memory of Clara Barton.

"And from that moment to this I have had him and the good governor of our commonwealth faithfully and honestly working as you would wish them to.

"Comrades, I now have the pleasure of presenting to you His Honor, the mayor of Boston, James M. Curley. [All rise and give three cheers.]

Hon. James M. Curley. "Worthy Commander, worthy National Commander, honored guests and members of the G. A. R., it is rather interesting to me while listening to your state commander's address here that he referred to the fact that we had planted a tree on Boston Common in honor of the state commander of the Red Cross.

"I have a little memorandum here taken out of the book in connection with the convention of the Grand Army to be held in Boston in August, and which reads as follows: Arrange in connection with Grand Army Convention to plant 48 trees, one for each state in the Union, and one additional tree for the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic — on Boston Common. [Applause.] And we will put a suitable silver plate — no. I don't think it advisable to use silver — but aluminum, and call it Grand Army Road.

"I had the idea after campaigning for about a quarter of a century that I had some stamina, virility, and some capacity for extended service, but I confess after

making the rounds yesterday and last night with your Commander-in-Chief, brother Saltzgaber, that he is in a different class entirely.

"It is customary every year to send a delegation of children from the Paul Revere in the North End, and the Michael Angelo schools on the 19th of April over the Concord and Lexington route as a part of the exercises conducted by Boston; but we have chosen to send them a few days in advance so they may make a more intimate acquaintance with those scenes and events which mean so much to every American and to humanity throughout the world. And in addressing the children on the steps of City Hall this morning I suggested when they reached Arlington and the police station that they make a turn to the right, and in front of the old schoolhouse there is a little grass-plot, and there is to be found one of the most interesting monuments in the entire United States of America, — a little marble tablet about two feet high and two feet in width sacred to the memory of Samuel Whittemore, who hid behind a stone wall at this point on the retreat of the British from Concord and succeeded in killing three British and wounding seven. He was discovered, shot and bayonetted and left for dead, being then 80 years of age, but he recovered and lived to the ripe old age of 96.

"Now, I don't think his name was Whittemore at all; I think it was Saltzgaber, because I think he is the only individual that could hit the pace they were going last night, keep it up and make the rounds for the G. A. R. [Laughter.]

"We are arranging some very interesting events for the Encampment of the Grand Army in August. Old Faneuil Hall was a little bit neglected under reform auspices; in fact, it had been without heat for a period of two years, which threatened to destroy the value of the beautiful paintings there. So we appropriated about $260,000 for the restoration of Faneuil Hall to colonial lines, and hope to have it restored as such and completely fireproof and equipped with the proper fire protection and open to the inspection of the Grand Army when the convention takes place here in August. [Applause.]

"We appropriated $15,000 this year in the budget for the purchase of suitable bronze memorials to mark scenes and events connected with the history of Boston in the march of liberty, and we hope to have many of those bronze tablets installed before the Encampment assembles here next summer from all parts of the country.

"Now, then, I have a profound appreciation of what a delicate and difficult task it is to raise money in connection with any undertaking, so we have made arrangements to appropriate out of the municipal treasury $25,000 for the entertainment of the Grand Army. And on every previous occasion it has been necessary for the women of the Grand Army to raise money themselves for the little entertainments they extend to the wives and relatives of members of the Grand Army; so this year we have arranged to give them $5,000 to spend in connection with the convention. [Great applause.]

"So I want you to feel this way about it. The chairman of the Finance Commission recently said at a hearing before the Legislature that the mayor was a spendthrift, — that there was an orgy of spending public money; and that with the mayor the ocean was the only limit. Well, so far as the Grand Army is concerned it is not the ocean but all the oceans; everything we have you can have; we want you to have the best time you ever had in your lives, and we are going to try to give it to you. [Very great applause.] Because we recognize the value of the services which you have rendered to the American Republic. Without that service it would have been extremely difficult, regardless of leadership nationally, to have developed the spiritual idealism which brought together as one man all the variant races, creeds and colors in the United States of America into the World War for the preservation of that form of government for which you made sacrifices under the greatest leader the world has ever known in nineteen centuries — Abraham Lincoln. [Applause and cheers.]

"The work performed by you in the Civil War was only one contribution; the greater contribution to mankind has been the unending, unceasing, unfailing labors from the time of the termination of that War to the present hour. In the promotion of patriotism; in the development of a national spirit in America; and if ever a nation needed a national spirit America needs it.

"Go to any part of Great Britain, talk with Englishmen and they are unfailing

and unflinching in their loyalty to the government. Ask an Englishman to sing their national anthem, and he knows it word for word, backward and forward. Go to France and talk to a Frenchman; ask him to sing his national anthem, and he will stand up and sing The Marsellaise not only in French but in any other language; and so it is with nearly every country in the world except ours. Go to an American and ask him to sing the Star Spangled Banner and how does he sing it? He sings it as the United States Senate sang it, for when the news that Dewey had sunk the Spanish fleet came one of the senators arose and said, 'This is the greatest honor that has come to America in a quarter of a century, and I move, Mr. President, that we rise in a body and sing the national anthem.' And this is about the way they sang it:

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light,
Da da — da da da — da da da da — da da — da.' [Laughter.]

There wasn't a single member of the United States Senate that knew the second verse — or all of the first verse. And what is true of the Senate is equally true of pretty nearly all of any gathering assembled in any part of this country.

"Now, then, it took some time to develop that spiritual idealism, and it required the services of a truly great leader to bring about that unity or solidarity that knew neither race nor creed, but only one need, one obligation to a common country, the country that gave them liberty — that made possible a greater progress in ten years than their ancestors would achieve in ten thousand years.

"Some elementary force is needed to continue the work you so well began, and to build it up until we have a national spirit that will inspire every man in this nation now and hereafter to realize his benefits under the American flag, and make them have some affection and some regard not only for the flag but the institutions which go with it. These great and splendid guarantees — we look for men who fought in the World War to fill the ranks made vacant in the Grand Army. And I rejoice with the Commander, our new sectional head of the American Legion, that he is doing his part to fill up the ranks of the Legion until every man eligible will be a member; and a new great patriotic force be created here to spread all over the country, and not only demand economic justice for every individual in America but the highest character of individual ideals, a higher standard of national morality, so that we may go on and on and on blessing and benefiting not only all in America but to humanity the whole world over." [Great applause.]

(Governor Cox enters the hall.)

Commander Pratt. "Comrades, you know I told you a few moments ago about how I offered my services — your services — to the Governor of the Commonwealth when a year ago I took up this office that you gave to me, — how I offered all that was patriotic within us to help him go on with patriotic work in our commonwealth. He has stood with me and I have tried to stand by him. He has come today, and we welcome him to speak to us. The governor, — Channing H. Cox, of our Commonwealth. [All rise — cheers and great applause.]

Governor Cox. "Commander and Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic — and National Commander, I am glad that I could come here this afternoon for a part of your reunion. It has been a great delight during the past two days to have individual members come to the State House and look at the picture of their great commander-in-chief which hangs in the governor's office, and then come in to greet me. And this morning I was honored indeed when the three surviving nurses — your nurses — came to the State House for a little call, which they prolonged into a rather extended visit, as I invited them to wait and meet the Passion Players who arrived in Boston this morning.

"I am glad that you are here in such full ranks today, and I hope that your state encampment has been as pleasant as it has been in other years; it ought to be, for I am sure that you are glad as I am, representing Massachusetts, to join in doing honor to the man who worthily heads the Grand Army throughout the whole republic, the man who since he laid down his arms has rendered splendid service in the days of peace, and who not only is honored in Ohio but throughout the whole country — and especially in old Massachusetts, — our Commander, Gaylord M. Saltzgaber. [Applause.]

"Now, I arrived just about as His Honor the Mayor was taking a stride in his remarks, and I enjoyed it greatly. There have been some mayors of the city of Boston who have attained eminence because of their vocal powers and because of their ability to sing songs, but until this time, although I knew the present mayor possessed other great and admirable qualities, I never for a moment suspected that he placed himself in common with the great singers who have preceded him. He did pretty well, he did pretty well, but some night when I get him before a mixed audience where there are women who are discriminating, and who can appreciate the abilities of a singer, I am going to challenge him to stand up and sing the whole song. [Laughter.] And I am going to see if he can go very much further than the Senate did before they began to fall back onto the crutches of 'Da da da.' [Renewed laughter.]

"However, I am reminded of the lady who moved into a new neighborhood; she had a splendid new house and wanted her neighbors to come in and see it; she did not know them very well, but she invited them all to come. And she arranged a musical entertainment for them. A young girl sang 'My Old Kentucky Home.' And when she had finished the song the hostess noticed there was a gentleman sitting in the rear of the room sobbing as if his heart would break. She went over to console him, and said 'I suppose you are a Kentuckian?' He says, 'No, I am not a Kentuckian but I am a musician.' [Laughter.] I think you are putting a wrong construction on that [renewed laughter] because nothing that the mayor did suggested that song to me especially.

"I know you want to hear from the Commander of the Grand Army throughout the whole republic; I know you want to hear from the Commander of the Legion, and the commanders of the Sons of Veterans and Spanish War veterans, and I am not going to trespass upon their time.

"I am glad that the next Encampment is to be held here in Boston. I remember full well the visit of a few years ago when your companions came here, and we are going to do all we did then and we are going to try in addition to have a little better weather when the Encampment is held.

"Now, the Legislature has, on my recommendation, started a Bill to provide on the part of the Commonwealth as its contribution $25,000 for an entertainment fund. [Applause.] And I have no doubt it will pass just as soon as it can go through the formality of consideration in both branches. But we want as many of your comrades as possible to come back here to Massachusetts, — to come back here to Boston, and we want to show them that we have the same regard, the same admiration, the same affection for them in their declining years that we had in the days when they came home and they returned their colors so proudly to Memorial Hall.

"And that leads me to speak of one thing in which I am interested and which I hope may be brought to fruition during my term as governor. It seems to me that we ought to have some more appropriate memorial to the soldiers who have served Massachusetts in all the wars. I have been glad to work with your comrade Ham, with your former commander Stanley and other members of this organization in trying to work out a plan for a State Memorial.

"Now, naturally the members who come from other districts outside of Boston, perhaps Springfield, Pittsfield or Fall River, think that a state memorial should be somewhat associated with the State House, and that everybody would look upon it as a Massachusetts memorial. Let me say that between the State House as it exists today and Joy Street there are several buildings which are likely to be converted to a different use shortly as they are now dwelling houses; and it seems to me that there is an appropriate place for a dignified and worthy memorial to all the men who have borne arms for Massachusetts. And I hope that the Legislature before it adjourns this year will have made that possible, and that the work of some of your comrades through all these years may put the thing over so that it will be finished while you yet have time to enjoy it. And I would like to have this convention if it is possible express its desire to have something done and done right away, for your committee has labored long and hard, and have attended hearings and done everything possible.

"Now, when you invite your comrades to come to Massachusetts let us show

them that Mass. today loves the country, that we are not provincial, that we are not thinking in narrow, sectional terms, but now, as in every period since the government was instituted, we think in terms of the national welfare, and we stand ready to answer any summons which the country may make upon us. I rejoice today that there is already in existence a great body of young men organized, I believe, with the same high patriotic purposes which appealed to your organization who are surely trying to avert war in the future, but who recognize that if there must be war there must be some preparations made for the dangers that come to us as a result of war. [Applause.] And who are trying to instill into the hearts of those who have come among us recently, and those who have lived here a long time, who have forgotten that men have been much the same since the first day of recorded history that they are this very day; and that it has been in man's nature to desire what some one else has, and as a result of those desires which have ever been in men's hearts there have come controversies, there have come wars.

"Now, we don't want to see war. We pray God that we may never be called upon to send our young men to fight and to give their lives, but if the occasion does arrive so that it is necessary to put armies in the field let us not put them there ill-trained so that they will be slaughtered; let us not send them there unqualified to protect themselves, but with the traditional American spirit may they be prepared to fight, and to fight until they win. [Applause.]

"Now, that is the doctrine, I believe, for which you men have stood so successfully through these years, and I rejoice that as your ranks are thinned there comes this splendid group of young men who have sat at your feet, imbibed your spirit, and are willing to grasp the banner and hold it on high. Give them encouragement as you have helped this great American Legion in its present drive, and help them to keep this standing army of patriotism for Massachusetts — yes, and for the United States. Help us to give the lie to that great falsifier who today sets us down as a wasted generation and who says that we can do nothing more through our lifetime than merely to hold such progress as has been made. Let us, rather, keep faith with the generations which have gone; let us still continue to admire the sacrifices — the contributions which they have made to our welfare, but let us also keep faith with the generations which are yet to come; let us transmit to them this same priceless heritage which has been ours, but let it be something more than that; let it be a more united — let it be a more courageous — let it be a country of character of ideals, righteous, exalted and triumphant America!" [Vociferous applause — all rise, giving three cheers and a "tiger" for the Governor of Mass. Also three cheers for the Mayor.]

Commander-elect Ham. "I wish to inform the Governor of the Commonwealth that the assembled Encampment passed a resolution yesterday fully endorsing his position on the Memorial Building."

Commander Pratt. "I now present to you Major-Gen. M. L. Hersey who represents the 1st Corps of the United States Army."

Maj.-Gen. Hersey. "Mr. Commander, I can say with Kipling that I was a corporal 'once but I have been reduced.' Not being given this privilege of doing honor to this greatest body of men that this country can produce, I am going to 'steal the thunder' a bit of my friend Captain Karns on my right and tell you a story of Billy Sunday who was accused of speaking so enthusiastically, and perhaps intemperately, that the wonderful results apparent were supposedly only ephemeral; that they passed away — that the effects passed away — and his reply was, 'So do the effects of a bath.'

"In standing before you and receiving the wonderful inspiration that comes from being in such a presence one lives on the heights to such an extent that perhaps it is well that it is a bit 'ephemeral.' One can hardly live on the heights all the time. One can take the inspiration that comes from such a meeting as this and go forth stronger and better, — better equipped for the daily duties that are before us.

"I have listened to His Excellency many times but never have I been thrilled to a greater degree than today, when he steps forth with his magnificent appeal for preparedness and his purpose to do honor to the dead and to the living rep-

resentatives that are before us now. Last summer I was at a meeting of the American Legion in the town of Alfred, Maine, and in the procession marched by the side of the Grand Army, — one man — and one man only. He told me that his Post had been 600 strong and he was all that was left of it, — left of 600. But his body was firm; his march was strong; he was a magnificent specimen physically, — the product of the Civil War. And I thought of what he represented, not only the best that had passed and gone but a life physically, mentally and morally strong.

"And that is what I see before me here today, — men who have lived the good life, who have 'kept the faith,' and who stand before us of the next generation models of thought, models of action, and models for us all to remember in our hearts and our souls to carry on the work that you have given us to do." [Applause.]

Commander Pratt. "I have now the pleasure of presenting to you Captain F. D. Karns of the United States Navy."

Captain Karns. "Dept. Commander, National Commander of the G. A. R., invited guests and all comrades if such there be, the Navy always is pleased to see a gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic, which of course contains the grand navy of the Republic [Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber: "That is right."] and occasionally I do see the badge of one who served in the Navy during that great struggle, and in recent years there has been a member of the sea force a grand-commander (Commander James W. Willett, last year).

"It may be that it was unfortunate to call it the Grand Army of the Republic. It was a grand army, but it would perhaps have been a more happy term to have made it the grand defenders of the country.

"The Navy is always glad to be included in the Grand Army, and I know when I look at these strong men who served the country 60 years ago that I am forced to agree with the Mayor as to the vitality and the strength of the men who were trained in that combat. I had the pleasure of going around with the National Commander last year. I did not have the pleasure of going around this year, but I understand that the gentleman who represented the Navy fell out before he got entirely around. [Laughter.] I believe that that was due to the fact he was a trifle too young; he had not been toughened with righteousness and strength in the cause.

"We hear a good deal about pacifists these days. I don't know what you had corresponding to them at the time of the Civil War. I was going to say that I would like to see an aggregation of Copperheads, the pacifists of that time; I don't believe you would find one of them where you would find a hundred of you men. It is the people that fight for something, that have ideals of the country at heart that live to come to and enjoy a ripe old age.

"I have on a number of occasions been detailed for duty with the Grand Army of the Republic. About three years ago the ship I was in command of was ordered to New York to fire a salute off Grant's tomb in the Hudson River on Memorial Day. We proceeded to New York and fired that salute. In addition several other officers and myself were invited to attend the exercises held at Grant's tomb, and later to go to the General Grant Post, G. A. R. in Brooklyn to partake of a banquet and to engage in Memorial Day ceremonies.

"One of the most thrilling moments of my life was to go into Grant's tomb, — to hear those ceremonies, and hear 'Taps' played by the trumpeters of Brooklyn.

"Some of these professional pacifists say there is too much war in the histories; that all the allusions to war and conflicts should be cut out of the histories. I suppose they think that all allusion to war and conflicts should be taken out of the Bible, for if you look in that book you will find reference to several conflicts. You will find one between David and Goliath, as they didn't have any Arbitration Day then and they didn't refer it to any judges. They selected the champion of the army of Israel, supposed to be the chosen people of the Lord, and David went out and fought the champion of the Philistines, and triumphed and so preserved the people that the Lord had selected to carry on His work.

"And you will find it is the same in every age and in every generation. There are certain people who stand for the good cause. There may be other people who,

due to disease or lack of mentality, have the wrong cause. If you can convert them or bring them round to the right cause by argument and by arbitration, why, do it; but if you cannot, hit them over the head with a club'[laughter]; that is their destiny; that is what they were intended for.

"Among other details I have had recently — the Commandant of the Navy Yard, who unfortunately is not able to be here today having to attend a meeting of the Directors of the Budget, which we all know is a very important thing — he has detailed me to be Liaison Officer between the naval forces which will take part in the exercises here in August when the G. A. R. has the grand encampment. However, naval requirements have made it necessary for me, unfortunately, to leave here about the middle of June, and I shall not be able to perform that duty. At the same time, the detail was *ex-officio;* there is always some one to be captain of the Yard whose duty it will be to carry on. I understand my successor has been named, and I know he will be able to carry out any details in which the Navy can be of assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic. The gentleman is a captain and comes from South Carolina. I have no doubt that his father or his ancestors took part in the great struggle, but I am sure that he will perform all the duties of a Liaison Officer the same as any other man who has been properly trained and who has been properly brought up. [Applause.]

Commander Pratt. "I present to you your Commander-in-Chief." [The Comrades give three hearty cheers.]

Commander-in-Chief Saltzgaber. "Comrades, I thank you. I want to say to you that you must not forget that this tribute to me is also to your commander of the Dept. of Mass., and I want to say to you that I esteem him very highly.

"The Bible says something about that man who is more to be praised who takes his armor off than he who puts it on. This comrade has served well and ably the organization of which we are so proud, and I am glad you are paying him this tribute now on his surrendering the gavel of authority. He is one of men that make the Grand Army of the Republic an organization of which we are all proud, and the more people like that perform their duty the more to be praised are they among those who still survive.

"I have enjoyed this food; I would say that I have had a corking good dinner, but not half so good as one I got one day down in Nashville. With my comrade — both privates — and neither of us had saved any money out of our eleven dollars a month, the munificent salary we then received; and we were very tired as well as hungry, but I found a lieutenant I had known out in Ohio, and he said, 'Boys, come with me and we will get something to eat.' He took us over to a restaurant under the market house in Nashville and bought us some ham and eggs, and that was the finest meal I think I ever had.

"It put me in mind of a man out West who grew suddenly rich with his cattle. He had a big roll of money and concluded he wanted to have a good time, so he came to New York City and when he got to the table of the hotel they gave him a great big menu, and looking it over, when he didn't understand the card, he finally said, — 'Give me nine dollars' worth of ham and eggs,' and that gave him a royal feast. Now there was never once you had such an excellent meal in the army as we have had here together today in the City of Boston; but the meal is not the best part of it. I told you that President Harding said not long before he died that the American flag always looked better to him when borne by those who had worn the Blue; and he was born in 1865 and that remark of his lives, and the thought that he uttered, all these years in which you have borne the flag back and forth over these United States; and every time you had an assemblage of comrades of the Grand Army you taught a lesson of patriotism which has made America loving to its own people, more sacredly devoted to a discharge of the duty that citizens owe to the country, and more an asylum of freedom for the oppressed of all the nations of the earth. [Applause.]

"Your example has continued on and on, and now today your presence here in such a fine body is representative not only of those who live but of those who have gone, evoking these magnificent speeches from Mayor Curley, Governor Cox and from these other gentlemen who have addressed you. It is all a tribute to you, but more than that it is the essence of the thing that it is a tribute of patriotism

to this country for which we went out and fought for in its utmost peril; and it is part of the reward due you now in old age as evidence of the gratitude of these people, and those they represent, for the valiant and patriotic services which you rendered.

"I still think that the Revolutionary War and the Civil War were the great epochs in which forever were fastened and embedded in our institutions the idea of American liberty and freedom, and patriots who came from Mass. participated in the birth of our great government, but they did not make it, as was asserted, a free government of a free people; it remained for you to make the immortal Declaration of Independence an absolute truth, — so that now God Almighty does in America create every man equal and equally entitled to certain inalienable privileges of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' A good many people think that property and happiness are the same thing, and are a good deal devoted to that; but I am glad that you think of something else in your old age, — that you are thinking of patriotism, and that has been the tone of these speeches.

"With reference to the national anthem I don't think that a comrade here can sing the whole thing through, because it is said by people who understand to be a most difficult performance. I am only repeating what I have heard from others, because I don't know a thing about it. I know when out on the picket line, a good way from the enemy, we used to sing the songs we loved so much that came out during the Civil War, and I think they will remain longer in the affection and esteem of the American people than any songs sung in any war. [Voice: "That is right." Applause.] The Star Spangled Banner was written long before that, but it is said to me by musicians that it is a difficult piece of music. That is all I want to say; I have no fault to find with it because the sentiment in it is grand, and over at Washington and other places there has always been some comrade who recited it, and then it sounds first rate — but the music has high notes beyond the compass of the ordinary voice.

"Now it has been suggested that in schools it ought to be the requirement that every pupil shall learn some patriotic song — commit it to memory, and these suggestions from these gentlemen induce me to say that I approve of that entirely. A good many things have been done but that is one thing that might still be done without any harm to the children; it would not hurt them at all to get into their memory certain pieces of music and the words so they would get the sentiment fully in their minds and hearts, as well as the ability to sing, — the idea and purpose being to have them love their country, and love expressions of patriotism, loyalty and devotion.

"I have already talked with your comrades and they know I appreciate all these things said about their former commander who has served the Dept. so faithfully. You are still quite numerous, and I realize that very few states can bring together so many comrades as Massachusetts. And in your presence here I want to thank the mayor of the great city of Boston, whose idea it was to inspire our coming here again in 1924, — seconded by the Governor of Mass., and who have so earnestly and indefatigably promoted schemes necessary to secure for us a grand welcome; and my own comrades and their affiliated societies, I know with what gratitude that will be repaid by every comrade, every woman, every son and every auxiliary in the whole United States of America.

"And if the pension Bill which is now in Congress is passed, as it ought to be, they will feel so much better able to come, that I am satisfied it will swell the ranks to the extent of 5,000 or more.

"And another thought I had in mind. I cannot say enough about Mass. and the generous welcome they have given us here. I appropriate very little of it to myself because I am just one of you and because I feel that way towards you; but I attribute it all to your glorious service in the past and the meed that is due to the Grand Army of the Republic.

"A short time ago I went down in pursuance of my duty as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic to Chattanooga, to Atlanta and to Knoxville. At Knoxville they said 'We want the Commander-in-Chief to present a flag to the pupils of this school,' a large school building in which there were 1,500 children. I should not say that was in the heart of the Confederacy, although way in the

South, because we had so many loyal people in that section of East Tennessee. But those children were descendants of both those who were loyal and disloyal to the flag furnished by the Woman's Relief Corps. It was a garrison flag of large size, and they had a big pole outside, and they ran it up that pole; and there were those 1,500 children in the Southland to whom I talked, and who gave expression to the most patriotic sentiments that any of you Grand Army comrades would desire; and that is what I want in every schoolhouse in every neighborhood in this whole country, so that when the youth of the country come across ideas that are attempted to be scattered abroad all through the country with hostility to the right — because it is so — there may be no lack of manhood and womanhood to stand up for the institutions of this country when they are assailed and will naturally do so. It is with the children as it was with you when in school you learned about Washington and the noble deeds done by the fathers of the country, and you made up your minds that whenever the occasion came you would perform your duty; and so it was that I had that feeling in my heart when they fired on the flag at Fort Sumpter.

"At Atlanta I met a lot of the Boys, and I said I wanted to go out and see the Boys at the Confederate Soldiers' Home. There were 120 of them, and one said to Dr. Peck who took me out there in his automobile — and by the way, he had lived there all his life and naturally would have Southern sympathies — 'What is he going to say to us? Is he going to tell us how badly they licked us?' And I replied, 'No, I won't say a thing but what is kind,' and I had just as good a time as — well, comparisons are odious — but I had a very good time with those Boys, and they treated me just as cordially as any Grand Army men ever treated me, and they were mighty glad to see me; they felt they were really in a restored United States, and they love the Union I am satisfied, as strongly as any of us love it — and isn't that a good thing to say?

"Mrs. Saltzgaber walked up on Stone Mountain and went around Atlanta with 'Kilpatrick on his Raid.' We came out on Stone Mountain and walked up there for about a mile at an angle of 45 degrees, and were so tired when we got up there we could not see anything we wanted to see. What we most desired to see was the Memorial which we afterwards found was on the side of the mountain, and so Dr. Peck took us there the next day. One side of the mountain goes up almost as vertical as a wall — a sheer precipice — exposing a blank surface there, and on perhaps one-half of it they have conceived the idea of digging into the granite — the hard rock of which it is composed — and bringing out in *bas relief* the figures they wish to picture, namely, those who stood most prominently for the Confederacy. I asked the assistant to Mr. Borglum who is the artist how long they had been working, and he said six years. 'How much longer will it take,' and he said eight years. Dr. Peck estimated 25 years, and I doubt very much whether it will ever be completed. They already have the features of Gen. Robert E. Lee standing out from the Mountain, and from the top of his head to the chin is forty feet, so you can understand what a gigantic figure it will be. The general will be on a horse, and from the top of his head to the hoofs of the horse 160 feet, — way up there thousands of feet from the surface of the earth on the side of the Mountain, and I presume it will stand there perpetually.

"Now, I am not objecting to that. Some comrades in the North have written to me saying 'You ought to organize a force and go down there and take dynamite and blow that thing to hell.' If you had all the dynamite there is in this country it would not blow that mountain away. The fact that Jefferson Davis' figure is carved there on the side of that Mountain adds nothing whatever to the glory of Davis; he will still be Jeff. Davis, the chief figure in a great rebellion, a great effort to break up this country of ours. So it don't worry me a bit. A monument has been erected in memory of Abraham Lincoln; they were born in adjoining counties in Kentucky. Our Boys go down there, but they think Davis was not worthy of it.

"It is the same with Lee. They have great devotion for their leaders, and why should we care. It is all they have left, — their pride and devotion; they lost everything else, and thank God they lost in an effort to break up this great Union of ours.

"And you know who stood as a stone wall against their effort. But I want to

say to you that notwithstanding what I have told you about that Mountain I want you to have a kindly feeling for everybody in the Southland, and look on their monuments with a good deal of pity that they could not have better subjects out of which to make them.

"Our noble President Lincoln during four years of bitter warfare never said one unkind word about the Southern people. The great desire of his heart was that the Union be restored. He didn't mean that would be a union particularly of state boundaries but a union of hearts, a union of the people to go forward in one common glory not only of this country but of mankind throughout all the world, as it has since been exemplified.

"And that is the feeling I wish to express here for all the people that live in the South. We did our duty in warfare against them, but as citizens of a common country with a common destiny we should desire that they may succeed in all enterprises that lead to patriotism, love of country, and every element of their personal welfare. I thank you." [Very great applause.]

Interesting addresses were also made by Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, Commander of the American Legion, Wm. M. Hogan, Commander of Spanish War Veterans, Captain Lawson, representing Gen. Dunn of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Capt. McKenna of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. and William L. Anderson, National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of Veterans.

Commander Pratt. "Last year I was the last speaker on the program and this year your new Commander will be — Commander-elect Benjamin A. Ham." [Applause.]

Commander-elect Ham. "Mr. Commander and Comrades, at this late hour 'brevity is the soul of wit' and I could not indulge in any extended speech, and especially after the splendid oratory you have heard today.

"I only want to say, as one speaker alluded to the Scriptural story of David and Goliath, that there is another passage more potent still, and that is what our good Lord said; and although he taught the doctrine of peace he said, 'I come not to bring peace on earth but the sword.' And that sword has been unsheathed for two thousand years against the evil that there has been in the human heart, and that sword will continue to be unsheathed as long as man shall live. And while it is unsheathed we hear about Pacifism and about Bolshevism and about Anarchists, and about that great gathering in New York of 15,000 wicked men who would tear down the American flag; and I want to say to you that there will be no peace in America as long as such a sentiment exists within the human heart of a large portion — and I say it advisedly — in a large portion of these United States. And I want to say to you that the pacifist that is preaching his doctrine to do away with our American Navy and our American Army is doing more to promote the use of the sword than ever the soldier faced in battle; for, if he could have his way, what would be the result? — a divided country. Chaos would reign instead of law and order, and the Puritanic doctrine that our fathers taught, when they had the Bible in one hand and the sword in the other, can be epitomized in this utterance: Obey the Ten Commandments and the teachings of our Lord and Savior on the Cross, and the sword will not be used to violate the laws which we have laid down to build up the character of the American people, but the sword will be drawn and used if you are violators of the law. And we say today to those who desire to violate the laws of this country that the sword will be used as long as that sentiment is in the hearts of men throughout our land. I thank you." [Great applause.]

It was nearly five o'clock in the afternoon when the last speaker had finished, and the chairman announced that adjournment without day would be in order, marking the end of an interesting banquet — and of the 58th annual encampment of the Mass. Dept. Grand Army of the Republic.

GENERAL ORDERS.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, May 3, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

I. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, at the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment, held in Boston, April 10 and 11, 1923, I hereby assume command.

II. At the Encampment these comrades were elected:

Commander, GEORGE W. PRATT, Post 72, Stoughton.
Senior Vice-Commander, BENJAMIN A. HAM, Post 2, South Boston.
Junior Vice-Commander, ALPHONSO B. PIERCE, Post 63, Natick.
Medical Director, HENRY O. MARCY, Post 30, Boston.
Chaplain, Rev. GEORGE W. NEAD, Post 169, Norwood.

Appointed Officers. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, EBEN W. PIKE, Post 30, Cambridge.
Assistant Quartermaster Gen., WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newtonville.
Judge Advocate, HERBERT C. JOYNER, Post 196, Great Barrington.
Inspector, JAMES MCELROY, Post 72, Stoughton.
Chief Mustering Officer, CHARLES B. YEATON, Post 35, Chelsea.
Patriotic Instructor, CHARLES H. ALMEDER, Post 11, Charlestown.
Chief of Staff, WILLIAM L. GAGE, Post 87, South Braintree.
Headquarters Clerk, GEORGE A. DIETZ, Post 30, Cambridge.

Office Hours. Office Hours at Department Headquarters will be from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, from 9 A.M. to 12 noon.

Aides de Camp. Post commanders are requested to send at once to these Headquarters names *with address* of Comrades to serve as Aides on the Department Commander's Staff.

Delegates to Next National Encampment. The following delegates and alternates to the next National Encampment, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., September 2 to 9, were elected at the Department Encampment. Rate, one fare for the round trip.

Delegate-at-Large.	*Post*	*Alternate-at-Large.*	*Post*
Wm. J. Hargraves	191	Edward A. Hammond	191

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Representatives.		*Alternates.*	
John H. Lawrence	1	J. Henry Smead	190
John Gilbert	48	George Jenks	190

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Obed H. Ellis	78	Bela Alden	78
John Scates	127	Joseph W. Clemons	127

DISTRICT NO. 3.

James H. Webb	88	Hiram S. Faunce	110
James McElroy	72	Francis A. Bicknell	58

DISTRICT No. 4.

Representatives.	*Post*	*Alternates.*	*Post*
Albert Fitzemeyer	15	John R. McDonough	7
James F. Flynn	26	Wm. G. Whitney	200

DISTRICT No. 5.

E. G. Winchester	45	Hiram F. Balch	49
Wm. E. Carlton	49	Chas. W. Bumford	128
E. M. Libby	5	Hiram F. Morse	47

DISTRICT No. 6.

John Flood	62	Geo. Rouillard	56
Frank J. O'Reilly	56	A. O. Chamberlin	30
James Beattie	29	W. F. Brown	163
Henri Batchelder	156	Wm. H. Benjamin	81

DISTRICT No. 7.

Chas. E. Morey	10	Michael Schofield	61
Geo. W. Carey	168	Edwin H. Howe	24
John W. Fairbanks	80	Lyman A. Waters	70

DISTRICT No. 8.

Benj. R. Franklin	16	W. H. Abbott	71

DISTRICT No. 9.

Edwin H. Lincoln	197	H. C. Joyner	196
Geo. J. Montgomery	79	F. H. Buffum	171

Comrades whose names appear in the above list, either as representatives or alternates, and who do not intend going to Milwaukee, should notify the Assistant Adjutant-General at once in order that vacancies may be filled without delay.

Requisitions. All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by *cash, draft, or money order to pay for the same. All orders not complying with these conditions will be returned unfilled.*

Checks and Money Orders. All checks and money orders must be made payable to Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant General. Quartermasters* will take due notice.

Communications for Patriotic Instructor. All communications relating to patriotic work must be addressed to Department Patriotic Instructor.

Official Correspondence. All official correspondence and invitations must be addressed to Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant General,* G. A. R., State House, Boston, Mass.

The Next National Encampment. This will be held at Milwaukee, Wis., during the week beginning September 2. Department Headquarters have been secured in the Hotel St. Charles. Railroad rates so far as announced for members of the Grand Army and allied organizations are one full fare going, and returning without further charge on showing a certificate that the full fare to Milwaukee was paid. An effort is being made to obtain the old rate of one cent a mile for members of the Grand Army and their wives, but as yet we have no assurance of success.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

IN MEMORIAM.

On Thursday, April 19, the sad news of the loss of a Department Officer of the Grand Army of the Republic was received.

Comrade James B. King, Department Chaplain, answered the final roll call. As a veteran of the Civil War he served in Battery C, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, as senior first Lieutenant. At the close of the war he was ordained in the ministry and filled various pastorates. He was a fluent speaker and a musician and singer of unusual ability. A comrade loved and respected by all and at our gatherings will be sadly missed.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.
BOSTON, May 3, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 2.

MEMORIAL DAY AND FLAG DAY.

Memorial Day. Again Memorial Day returns to us bringing memories of scenes of other days and recollections of Comrades passed away. Though our ranks are fast thinning, yet those of us left still cling to the sacred duties that have fallen to us so many times in the past.

May every Comrade, who is physically able, go forth on Wednesday, May 30th, to the Silent Camping Grounds, where lie the Loyal Dead and strow fair flowers of springtime on their resting places and plant thereon the Flag they all loved so well. See that no Comrade's grave is omitted, that our nation's defenders may be remembered on this Memorial Day.

May our allied societies and the people in every community be called to join in paying these honors to the brave men who saved our country from disunion and made possible its present greatness and its commanding position among the nations of the world.

General Logan's first Memorial Day Order and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg should be read at all Memorial Day exercises. Both of these are found in National Orders No. 3, just issued.

On Memorial Day our country's flag should be raised at sunrise to half-staff and at noon, 12 o'clock, raised to full staff and there to remain until sunset.

Pledge of Allegiance. An earnest movement has been made to advance the spirit of patriotism through memorizing the Pledge of Allegiance and it seems our part to bring to those in our homes and perhaps to our neighbors, our desire that the following be committed to memory and that it be repeated, either alone or with others, at noon, on the coming Memorial Day: —

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Memorial Day Parade. Many years ago the National Encampment designated the Sons of Veterans the official escort of the Grand Army of the Republic. Where a Camp of the Sons of Veterans exists it holds this position.

The following order relative to formation has been decided upon by this Department: —

Detail of Police.
Miltiary Escort (if any.)
Band.
Sons of Veterans.
Grand Army of the Republic.
United Spanish War Veterans.
American Legion.
Local Organizations.

We should use our best endeavors to have the American Legion and the Spanish War Veterans appear in all our Memorial Services.

Memorial Sunday. Memorial Sunday will be observed May 27th. Arrangements can usually be made with one of the local churches for an appropriate service. Every Post and each of its allied organizations should esteem it not only a duty but a privilege to attend such a service in a body.

The Veterans of all wars should also be invited to attend with the G. A. R.

Patriotic Exercises in Public Schools. Patriotic exercises should be held in the public schools on one or more days preceding Memorial Day. Comrades detailed to visit the schools should impress upon the minds of the children, love of country, respect for the Flag, and a veneration for the men who saved both to posterity.

Flag Day. Thursday, June 14th, is the anniversary of the adoption by Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the Flag of the Nation. It is therefore designated as Flag Day. All Comrades should set a good example to the rest of the community by displaying the Flag from their homes and by encouraging appropriate patriotic exercises in public schools.

Errata: General Order No. 1 designated the St. Charles Hotel as the Headquarters at the Encampment in Milwaukee, when it should read "the Wisconsin" Hotel.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, July 23, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

National Encampment. The Fifty-seventh National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the week beginning September 2nd.

A special train has been arranged for the accommodation of the Department of Massachusetts and friends, to leave Boston going by Boston & Maine, Grand Trunk and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroads, arriving at Milwaukee on Monday at 7.30 A.M. The train will leave Boston on Saturday, September 1st at 3.55 P.M. (standard time) from the North Station, and will consist of a passenger coach and standard Pullman sleeping cars.

Price of Berths. Lower berth $10.88. Upper berths $8.70. Applications for berths may be made to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Quartermaster General, and for Certificates to Eben W. Pike, Assistant Adjutant General, at Room 27, State House, on and after July 20th.

Identification Certificates. Tickets cannot be purchased except on presentation of Identification Certificates, issued by the Railway Association and countersigned by a responsible official of the organization to which the purchaser belongs.

Delegates who cannot go. Elected delegates who find it impossible to attend the Encampment should notify Headquarters at once, in order that vacancies may be filled.

Fare for the trip. The fare for the round trip will be $39.22 to Milwaukee and return.

Who may go. The Department has arranged a special train for the accommodation of department officers, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, dependent members of their families, Woman's Relief Corps, Sons and Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans Auxiliaries. Veterans of the Civil War who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic are not entitled to reduced rates.

Meeting of Delegates. There will be a meeting of those entitled to seats in the Encampment, at headquarters, Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Badges. That the Department may maintain the high standard it now holds, all comrades in line must remove all decorations from their coats during the parade, except the Grand Army badge. The Assistant Adjutant General will see to the enforcement of this order.

Quarters. Parties will make their own arrangements for quarters in Milwaukee. Rooms can be secured by addressing Frank Cleveland, Chairman of Encampment Housing Committee, 108 Mason Street, Milwaukee, stating price of rooms desired, whether in hotel or private residences.

Headquarters. Headquarters will be closed from September 1st to September 17th.

Return Trip. Arrangements are being made to return via St. Lawrence River, Thousand Islands, Lachine Rapids and Montreal for those who desire. Details on enclosed circular.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Oct. 20, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 4.

National Encampment. The Fifty-seventh National Encampment was held in Milwaukee, Wis., during the week beginning September 2nd and the Department Commander hereby expresses to the Comrades who so grandly represented the Department of Massachusetts his sincere thanks. From the time of the arrival of the Department, Sept. 3rd, to the day of departure, the citizens vied with one another in making everything pleasant and agreeable.

Change of Elections and Installations. At the last National Encampment the following resolutions were adopted:

1. The Post Officers (the Adjutant, Quartermaster, Patriotic Instructor, Sergeant Major and Quartermaster Sergeant excepted) shall be elected at a stated meeting in **October** by ballot, unless a ballot shall be dispensed with by unanimous consent.

2. They shall be installed into their respective offices at a stated meeting in **November** following.

Each Post shall at a stated meeting in **October,** annually elect from its members, representatives and an equal number of alternates, to the Department Encampment in the manner prescribed in Section 3, Article 2 of the Rules and Regulations.

Mustering Officers. Post must consult those whom they desire to install the newly elected officers at once, in order that they may be detailed. Consent must be obtained of said comrades to perform the work before notifying Headquarters.

Credentials. Of the two blank credentials herewith enclosed, **one copy** must be sent **immediately** after election to these Headquarters, in order to complete the roll of the Department Encampment.

Adjutants and Quartermasters. Consolidated reports (A and B) must be forwarded to Headquarters before Jan. 10, 1924.

Supplies. Requisitions for supplies **must have check or money order enclosed** or the goods will not be forwarded. Blank requisitions are herewith enclosed. Make all checks or money orders for supplies or for per capita tax, payable to Eben W. Pike, Assistant Adjutant General.

Changes in Rules and Regulations. So much of the Rules and Regulations as is necessary, is so amended as to provide for the admission of members of the organization of The Sons of Veterans to the regular meetings of the Posts without vote in Grand Army affairs.

The change in Elections and Installations **will not** take place until same is adopted by the Department of Grand Army of Massachusetts at its Convention in April 1924.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adj. Genl.

OUR LATE PRESIDENT.

The following letters are presented to the Comrades in order that they may know that the passing away of President Harding was duly observed by the Department of Massachusetts.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 23, 1923.

Hon. CALVIN COOLIDGE, *President of the United States.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: — The great loss which has occurred to our Nation, in the passing away of our beloved and honored President WARREN G. HARDING, is keenly felt by the Grand Army of the Republic of Massachusetts, and while the Department has delayed in expressing its grief, you may rest in the assurance that the Comrades mourn for him who so lately filled the office of President.

While expressing our grief, we join in extending to you our hearty congratulations upon your accession to the Presidency of the United States. It is with feelings of great pride that the boys of '61 to '65, who answered the call of Father Abraham, can point with pleasure to the head of our Nation as a citizen of Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WHITE HOUSE, Aug. 13, 1923.

Mr. GEORGE W. PRATT, *Department Commander of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, State House, Boston, Mass.*

MY DEAR MR. PRATT: — The President has received your kind letter and has asked me to express to you and through you to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic his sincere appreciation.

Such a message is a source of both encouragement and help at this time and only the press of other matters prevents a personal acknowledgment.

Very truly yours,

E. T. CLARK,
Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, NOV. 17, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 5. }

The Annual Election of Officers, Representatives and Alternates to the Department Encampment must be held at the first stated meeting in December.

As Post Commanders, Senior and Junior-Vice Commanders and Past Post Commanders are by virtue of their office, members of the Encampment, they should NOT be elected as Representatives.

A list of Past Post Commanders should appear on the credential blank. Last year's list will not do.

To Adjutants. Of the two blank credentials, one copy must be sent to these Headquarters immediately after election, as they are needed to make up the Roll of the Department Encampment.

Installing Officers. The names of Installing Officers must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General on or before Dec. 15, in order that their names appear in General Orders and time is given to notify them of their election.

Sons of Veterans. The admission of Sons of Veterans to Post meetings will require action by the Post before admitting them.

Inspections. Inspections are optional with Posts. If a Post desires an Inspection, notice must be sent at once to the Assistant Adjutant General, in order that Inspectors can be duly detailed.

Forms A and B. These blanks must be filled out after the last meeting in December and to include a list of deaths, transfers, discharges, etc. Also list of additions. It is desirious that these must be immediately attended to and must be received at Headquarters, including the per capita tax, on or before January 25, 1924.

Invitations. All communications for visits of Department Officers should be addressed to these Headquarters, in order that they may receive proper attention.

Installations. These are required, not optional. When old officers are re-elected they should be installed, as their term of office expires December 31.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Alphonzo B. Pierce, Junior Vice-Commander, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, passed away at his home in Natick, Mass., Nov. 10, 1923. Comrade Pierce enlisted in Co. E, 3rd Mass. Heavy Artillery, Jan. 11, 1864, served until Sept. 18, 1865 and was discharged at expiration of service. A good soldier, a respected citizen and an estimable Comrade. The department joins with the Comrades in expressions of deep sympathy at the loss of a beloved and honored Comrade.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, Dec. 22, 1923.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 6. }

Details for Installation. The following named Comrades are hereby detailed to install the Officers of the Posts as indicated.

Department Commander George W. Pratt, 89.
Chief of Staff George A. Hosley, 15.

Asst. Quartermaster General, Wilfred A. Wetherbee, 23, 62, 63, 68, 87, 92, 94, 102, 200.

Past Department Commander Francis E. Mole, 197.
Past Department Commander Henry Clark, 5, 49, 66, 139.
Past Department Commander Alfred H. Knowles, 4.
Past Department Commander George W. Wilder, 163.
Past Department Commander Edwin F. Morrill, 1, 7, 36, 40.

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Brooks, Benjamin F., 53, 69.
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Bean, John W., 133, 145.
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Monk, Henry A., 58, 110.
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Countersign. In small envelope the Countersign for 1924 is enclosed.

Installing Officers. Expenses incurred by Installing Officers must be met by the Post, and they must be duly notified of the time and place when the installations are to occur.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adj. Genl.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, March 1, 1924.

GENERAL ORDERS,
No. 7.

The Next Encampment. The fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department will be held in GARDNER HALL, STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, Tuesday and Wednesday April 8th and 9th at 10 o'clock A.M.

Junior Vice-Commander. Comrade William L. Gage, having been elected, Junior Vice Department Commander, Comrade Henry A. Monk Post 87, is hereby appointed Chief of Staff and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Aides-de-Camp. Will report to Comrade Henry A. Monk, Chief of Staff at 9.30 A.M., Tuesday April 8th, in uniform, white gloves but without belts.

The Annual Banquet. Will be held in Kingsley Hall, Ford Building at the close of the Encampment. Tickets will be for sale by the Assistant Quartermaster General, at $1.50 each.

Department Headquarters. At the State House will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment.

Credentials. These with this order are mailed to Post Commanders and it is essential that they are not forgotten by the delegates.

The Next National Encampment. Will be held in Boston, beginning August 10th, and it is expected that special efforts will be made to give the visiting Comrades a grand reception.

The following is important and must be read in Posts of less than ten members.

XIV. The Fifty-fourth National Encampment adopted the following amendment to the rules and regulations:

Chapter II, Article IV, Section 4, amended as follows: Section 4 to read:

Members of disbanded Posts who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, upon written application to the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department, shall receive from him transfer cards which shall have full force, or at the option of the applicant, providing there is no Post in the County in which such member of a disbanded Post resides, his name shall be entered upon a roll to be kept by the Assistant Adjutant-General, and known as a *Roll of Comrades at Large*. Comrades so enrolled shall pay dues semi-annually direct to the Assistant Adjutant-General, of fifty cents each, payable on the first days of January and July of each year. The Department Encampment shall have the right to increase the amount of such dues at any meeting by resolution duly adopted.

If the dues of any Comrade-at-Large shall remain unpaid for more than thirty days after the same is due, he shall be notified by the Assistant Adjutant General that unless his dues are paid within ten days from the date of such notice he will stand suspended from the Grand Army of the Republic until all arrearages are paid. Any Comrade-at-Large whose dues remain unpaid for more than one year after the same are due shall be notified by the Assistant Adjutant General that unless all arrearages are paid within thirty days from the date of such notice, he will be dropped from the roll and will no longer be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that he can only be restored by making a written application to be approved by the Department and by the payment of one year's dues.

IN MEMORIAM.

Another Comrade has answered the last summons and the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic is called upon to chronicle the loss of one of its Department Officers.

Comrade Henry O. Marcy, Medical Director of the Department was called to his final resting place January 1st, 1924. He was a member of Wm. H. Smart Post 30 and its last charter member. He was highly honored by the American Medical Association and was respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was quite a writer upon surgical topics and issued several works upon the subject.

The Department expresses its deep sorrow in the loss of Comrade Marcy.

It is with sadness that the Department of Massachusetts is called to mourn the loss of an efficient and grand comrade who has responded to the clarion notes of the bugle and taken his place with his former comrades in the Grand Army above.

On December 29, 1923, Comrade Francis E. Mole answered the last summons and was laid to rest with deep feelings of regret from all his Comrades. In 1916 he was elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts and well he filled the position with a zeal that knew no bounds. He was loved and respected by everyone, and as a citizen of North Adams was highly honored and filled many a responsible position.

He sleeps his last sleep and is mourned by a large circle of acquaintances.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE,
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

SPECIAL ORDER.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Aug. 23, 1923.

SPECIAL ORDERS, }
No. 1. }

The attention of Post Commanders is called to the following sections of the Rules and Regulations and they must be strictly obeyed: —

SEC. 2. No Charter shall be surrendered by any Post so long as five members thereof demand its continuance; nor unless a proposition to surrender the charter shall have been made at a stated meeting at least four weeks before the time of action, and due notice given to every member of the Post. (See Section 3, Article 1, Chapter V, Page 28.)

SEC. 3. Post Charters may be surrendered voluntarily when less than five members desire the continuance of the Post, as provided in Chapter 11, Article I. In case of surrender or forfeiture of a charter, the property of the Department shall be immediately turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster-General of the Department and shall be subject to the disposition of the Department Encampment. Provided, that any Post surrendering its charter may, if it shall so vote, deposit all books of record and Post papers with the nearest historical society, public library or managers of a Grand Army memorial building, within such Department, to be kept and preserved by such society, library, or managers of such memorial building. The receipt of such historical society, public library or managers of a Grand Army memorial building deposited with the Department Commander shall be evidence that the Rules and Regulations have been complied with. It shall be the duty of the Commander of the Post voting to make such deposit, to procure such receipt and forward the same to the Department Commander.

Simply having it published in some Newspaper does not constitute the surrender of a Post's Charter and only in compliance with the foregoing sections of said Rules and Regulations will the Department consider that the Post has disbanded.

It is important and necessary that Department Headquarters should be notified of the intention of a Post to disband.

Post Commanders are urged to see that the above provisions are faithfully carried out.

By order of

GEORGE W. PRATT,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

EBEN W. PIKE.
Assistant Adjt. Genl.

ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, G. A. R., 1923.

Headquarters, State House, Boston.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. PRATT, *Commander*	Post 72, Stoughton.
BENJAMIN A. HAM, *Senior Vice-Commander* . .	Post 2, South Boston.
WILLIAM L. GAGE, *Junior Vice-Commander* . .	Post 87, So. Braintree.
HENRY O. MARCY, *Medical Director*	Post 30, Cambridge.
REV. GEORGE W. MEAD, *Chaplain*	Post 169, Norwood.

Official Staff.

Eben W. Pike, *Assistant Adjutant-General* . . Post 30, Cambridge.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, *Assistant Quartermaster-General* . . . . . Post 62, Newton.
Herbert C. Joyner, *Judge Advocate* . . . Post 196, Great Barrington.
James McElroy, *Inspector* . . . . . Post 72, Stoughton.
Charles B. Yeaton, *Chief Mustering Officer* . . Post 35, Chelsea.
Charles H. Almeder, *Patriotic Instructor* . . Post 11, Charlestown.
Henry A. Monk, *Chief-of-Staff* . . . . . Post 87, South Braintree.

Council of Administration.

Albert Fitzmeyer . . . . . Post 15, Boston.
Rufus J. Chute . . . . . Post 60, Franklin.
Charles E. Morey . . . . . Post 10, Worcester.
D. W. Hammond . . . . . Post 47, Haverhill.
Henry Whittemore . . . . . Post 29, Waltham.

Headquarters Clerk.

George A. Dietz . . . . . Post 30, Cambridge.

Honorary Staff.

John D. Billings, Post 186, Cambridge.
J. Payson Bradley, Post 2, South Boston.
George A. Hosley, Post 11, Charlestown.
Thomas J. Ames, Post 53, Leominster.
John M. Woods, Post 139, Somerville.
Alfred H. Knowles, Post 36, Arlington.
Francis E. Mole, Post 126, Adams.
Daniel E. Denny, Post 10, Worcester.
Edwin P. Stanley, Post 67, Manchester.
George W. Wilder, Post 15, Boston.
Horace Goodwin, Post 16, Springfield.
Edwin F. Morrill, Post 156, Everett.
Henry Clark, Post 36, Arlington.
Charles H. Almeder, Suffolk County Association.
Wm. F. Brown, Middlesex County Association.
Michael Schofield, Worcester County Association.
John I. Holmes, Bristol County Association.
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Posts numerically arranged, with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.

Name.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1923.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
Wm. Logan Rodman	1	New Bedford	40	Nahum F. Nickerson	Oct. 4, 1866	Wednesday afternoon.
Dahlgren	2	South Boston	37	Leander R. Marston	Feb. 26, 1880	1st and 3d Wednesday afternoons.
Wm. H. Bartlett	3	Taunton	67	Oscar A. Hilliard, 16 Spring Street	Jan. 2, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
U. S. Grant	4	Melrose	41	Charles L. Moore	Feb. 19, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
General Lander	5	Lynn	198	A. B. P. Kelly	Feb. 27, 1867	Thursday.
P. T. Wyman	6	Holliston	12	George B. Russell	Mar. 8, 1867	2d Tuesday.
Charles Russell Lowell	7	Boston	53	Charles O. Newell, 10 Bath Street, Roxbury	Mar. 11, 1867	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
F. W. Pierce	8	Middleborough	37	Alvin C. Howes	Mar. 13, 1867	Saturday afternoon.
Reno	9	Hudson	23	– – – –	May 27, 1867	Wednesday.
George H. Ward	10	Worcester	230	Edwin J. Foster	Apr. 13, 1867	Thursday afternoon.
Abraham Lincoln	11	Charlestown	55	Charles H. Almeder	Apr. 23, 1867	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Horace M. Warren	12	Wakefield	35	J. Warren Poland	Aug. 16, 1867	1st Saturday afternoon.
Fletcher Webster	13	Brockton	74	John T. Crawford, 33 Falmouth Avenue	July 1, 1867	Wednesday.
C. C. Phillips	14	Hopkinton	20	Edwin A. Newton, Woodville	Feb. 28, 1903	1st and 3d Mondays.
John A. Andrew	15	Boston	78	David King	Aug. 6, 1867	1st and 3d Fridays.
E. K. Wilcox	16	Springfield	153	Henry H. Hoisington	Aug. 9, 1867	2d Saturday afternoon.
General Sedgwick	17	Orange	23	Edward Baker, 30 Burrill Avenue	Aug. 9, 1867	2d and 4th Fridays.
Colonel Prescott	18	Ashland	–	Dana Wenzell	Aug. 12, 1867	1st Saturday.
Edwin V. Sumner	19	Fitchburg	55	– – – –	Aug. 16, 1867	4th and 3d Saturdays.
H. S. Greenleaf	20	Colrain	4	H. C. Cormack	Mar. 14, 1875	– – –
Frederick Hecker	21	Boston	8	Henry Bornstein, 4 Danforth Street, Jamaica Plain	Feb. 22, 1881	1st Thursday.
Maj. E. F. Fletcher	22	Milford	31	Charles E. Brock, 63 Pearl Street	Sept. 19, 1867	Wednesday.
Joseph Hooker	23	East Boston	20	Joseph Rossiter, 123 Saratoga Street	Sept. 17, 1867	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
A. B. R. Sprague	24	Grafton	11	Edwin A. Howe	Sept. 25, 1867	2d and last Monday afternoons.
H. H. Legge	25	Uxbridge	5	– – – –	Sept. 30, 1867	When called.
Thos. G. Stevenson	26	Roxbury	63	Charles M. Grant	Oct. 1, 1867	2d and 4th Monday afternoons.
Charles Devens	27	Oxford	8	Richard H. Murray	Nov. 14, 1870	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
F. P. H. Rogers	29	Waltham	33	Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent Street	Oct. 21, 1867	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Wm. H. Smart	30	Cambridge	43	William Gallagher, 435 Main Street, Melrose	Oct. 23, 1867	1st and 3d Thursdays.

George W. Perry	31	Scituate	11	Edward F. Merritt	July 15, 1875	2d Thursday afternoon.
Washington	32	South Boston	17	John F. Murphy, 58 Thurston Street, West Somerville	Nov. 6, 1867	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Burbank	33	Woburn	6	W. C. Colgate, 43 Wyman Street	Nov. 6, 1867	Thursday.
Phil H. Sheridan	34	Salem	76	Edward H. Pierson	Nov. 15, 1867	1st Wednesday afternoon.
Theodore Winthrop	35	Chelsea	70	Charles B. Yeaton	Nov. 16, 1867	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Francis Gould	36	Arlington	31	George H. Averill	May 26, 1881	2d and 4th Thursdays.
F. A. Sterns	37	Spencer	26	Robert E. Gibson	Nov. 20, 1867	1st and 3d Thursdays.
Dexter	38	Brookfield	7	Chas. F. Mullett	Nov. 27, 1867	Tuesday before full moon.
Needham	39	Lawrence	44	James Morgan, 43 Whitman Street	Dec. 10, 1867	1st Saturday.
Gen. H. G. Berry	40	Malden	48	Oscar C. Wallace	Oct. 1, 1873	Thursday.
Lyon	41	Westfield	27	Edwin B. Smith	Jan. 9, 1868	1st Monday.
B. F. Butler	42	Lowell	26	Arthur McQuaid	Jan. 15, 1868	1st Wednesday.
John A. Rawlins	43	Marlborough	31	George H. Brigham, 280 East Main Street	Jan. 15, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
G. Wesley Nichols	44	Southborough	10	Samuel F. Draper, Fayville	May 17, 1878	2d Monday.
Colonel Allen	45	Gloucester	26	Edward G. Winchester	Jan. 21, 1868	Saturday.
Richard Borden	46	Fall River	63	John Gilbert, 254 Locust Street	Jan. 22, 1868	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Major How	47	Haverhill	97	A. N. Batchelder	Jan. 28, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
George L. Boutwell	48	Ayer	23	Wesley O. Hawkes	Jan. 18, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. W. Bartlett	49	Newburyport	56	Orlando F. Hatch	Feb. 17, 1868	2d Friday afternoon.
Union	50	Peabody	34	Edward O. Moulton	Apr. 18, 1879	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Ezra Bacheller	51	North Brookfield	51	George W. Bruce, School Street	Feb. 28, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. B. Randall	52	Eastondale	16	N. W. Slocum, South Easton	Feb. 29, 1868	3d Saturday.
Chas. H. Stevens	53	Leominster	37	Thomas J. Ames, Central Street, Leominster	June 13, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Charles Beck	56	Cambridge	18	Francis J. O'Reilly	June 26, 1868	2d Monday.
P. Stearns Davis	57	East Cambridge	8	Timothy Mahoney	June 29, 1868	1st Wednesday.
Reynolds	58	East Weymouth	44	Francis A. Bicknell, North Weymouth	July 2, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
Franklin	60	Franklin	16	Anthony Somers	May 16, 1881	2d and 4th Mondays.
Nathaniel Lyon	61	Webster	24	Michael Schofield, 45 East Main Street	July 21, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Charles Ward	62	Newtonville	59	J. Coolidge Coffin	July 21, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Gen. Wadsworth	63	Natick	25	R. J. Fox	July 23, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
E. D. Baker	64	Clinton	17	John W. Reynolds, Grove Street	Aug. 17, 1868	1st Friday.
S. C. Lawrence	66	Medford	36	Charles O. Burbank, 45 Washington Street	Aug. 21, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Allen	67	Manchester	9	Edwin P. Stanley	Sept. 29, 1868	Friday.
Benj. Stone, Jr.	68	Dorchester	52	A. A. Chittenden	Oct. 8, 1868	1st Saturday afternoon.
Joseph P. Rice	69	Westminster	6	Alonzo D. Wheeler, R. F. D., Westminster	Nov. 9, 1868	2d Saturday afternoon.
George A. Custer	70	Millbury	10	– – – –	Aug. 3, 1876	1st and 3d Monday afternoons.
Kilpatrick	71	Holyoke	40	William H. Abbott, 169 Allyn Street	Nov. 25, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.

Posts numerically arranged, with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc. — Continued.

Name.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1923.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
A. St. John Chambre	72	Stoughton	44	James McElroy, 99 Bird Street	Nov. 30, 1868	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
McPherson	73	Abington	18	John F. Hatch, Rockland	Dec. 23, 1868	2d and 4th Monday afternoons.
Hartsuff	74	Rockland	39	Wm. R. Groce, 117 Arlington Street	Jan. 11, 1869	Monday.
J. P. Gould	75	Stoneham	32	James O'Laughlin	Jan. 15, 1869	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Collingwood	76	Plymouth	24	Willie R. Butters, 242 Sandwich Road	Jan. 19, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
Theron E. Hall	77	Holden	7	Chas. E. Farrar	Jan. 19, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
David A. Russell	78	Whitman	38	Bela Alden	Jan. 30, 1869	Tuesday afternoon.
Chas. D. Sanford	79	North Adams	36	Alfred A. Lee	Mar. 30, 1869	Friday afternoon.
Arthur G. Biscoe	80	Westborough	27	John W. Fairbanks	June 18, 1881	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Isaac B. Patten	81	Watertown	18	Alvin F. Tollman	Dec. 20, 1870	2d Monday.
John Goodwin, Jr.	82	Marblehead	34	Eli V. Hunt	Mar. 29, 1869	Monday.
J. E. Wilder	83	Hanover	8	A. M. Curtis	Apr. 29, 1869	Tuesday on or before full moon.
J. W. Lawton	85	Ware	20	A. H. Richardson	May 12, 1869	2d Tuesday.
W. L. Baker	86	Northampton	51	John P. Thompson	Aug. 4, 1882	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Gen. S. Thayer	87	South Braintree	17	Wm. L. Gage, Box 63	June 2, 1869	Saturday afternoon.
Paul J. Revere	88	Quincy	32	John D. Williams, 17 Quincy Street	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Thursdays.
J. H. Chipman, Jr.	89	Beverly	53	Wm. H. Morgan, 17 Swan Street	June 5, 1868	Thursday.
Ward	90	Danvers	36	Alonzo A. Rackliffe, 12 Lawrence Street	June 8, 1869	1st and 3d Mondays.
E. R. Carpenter	91	Foxborough	9	T. B. Bourne	June 12, 1869	1st and 3d Wednesday afternoons.
Francis Washburn	92	Brighton	19	John Welch, 40 Colwell Avenue	Nov. 12, 1873	1st and 3d Mondays.
Ozro Miller	93	Shelburne Falls	15	E. F. Gillett	June 15, 1869	Wednesday afternoon.
Revere	94	Canton	12	Richmond L. Weston, P. O. Box 83	June 24, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Gen. E. Hincks	95	Saugus	13	Augustus H. Sutherland, Bow Street, Wakefield	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Joe Johnson	96	Northborough	6	– – – –	June 28, 1869	1st Thursday.
Henry Bryant	98	Cohasset	5	Cyrus H. Bates	Jan. 12 1883	– – –
Gen. W. F. Bartlett	99	Andover	21	Henry S. Clukey	Apr. 18, 1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
Col. W. B. Greene	100	Methuen	7	John Q. Hill, 48 Pelham Street	Feb. 1, 1877	1st Friday.
Charles Sumner	101	Groveland	11	– – – –	June 16, 1869	Tuesday afternoon.
Huntington F. Wolcott	102	Milton	17	Nat. S. Barry, Box 114, Dedham	Apr. 3, 1879	2d Wednesday.
Edwin Humphrey	104	Hingham	15	Ezra Wilder	July 26, 1869	1st Thursday.
J. Orson Fiske	105	Upton	8	George R. Pierce	July 15, 1881	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.

Otis W. Wallace	106	Rockport	7	Joseph M. Read, Granite Street, Pigeon Cove	Dec.	30,	1881	Last Saturday afternoon.
Everett Peabody	108	Georgetown	10	George Woodbury	Aug.	18,	1869	2d and last Saturday afternoons.
Erricson	109	East Templeton	15	Judson S. Pomeroy	Oct.	11,	1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Capt. Horace Niles	110	Randolph	25	Hiram S. Faunce	Oct.	29,	1869	1st and 3d Friday afternoons.
Joseph E. Simmons	111	Pembroke	7	Benj. F. Toppan	Oct.	29,	1869	2d Tuesday afternoon.
D. Willard Robinson	112	Norwell	11	D. Willard Robinson	Nov.	1,	1869	1st Tuesday afternoon.
Edward W. Kingsley	113	Boston	55	Oliver P. Ricker	Dec.	18,	1869	3d Wednesday.
Col. C. R. Mudge	114	Merrimac	18	L. B. Blaisdell, Merrimacport	Dec.	20,	1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
E. S. Clark	115	Groton	5	Charles H. Berry	July	30,	1874	1st Saturday.
D. G. Farragut	116	Gardner	32	Amos B. Eaton, 139 East Broadway	Dec.	30,	1869	Last Saturday afternoon.
Moses Ellis	117	Medfield	6	E. C. Crocker	Jan.	23,	1870	2d Wednesday afternoon.
Gen. James L. Bates	118	Swampscott	16	Peleg Gardner	Jan.	24,	1870	Monday.
George G. Meade	119	Lexington	9	William B. Foster, 12 Plainfield Street	May	23,	1873	Thursday afternoon.
James A. Garfield	120	Lowell	51	George B. Barrett	Oct.	26,	1881	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Timothy Ingraham	121	Hyde Park	28	John H. Kazar	Mar.	22,	1870	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
E. P. Wallace	122	Amesbury	20	Frank N. Bayley	Mar.	23,	1870	1st Saturday afternoon.
Parker	123	Athol	24	Lyman B. Hastings, Station A	June	12,	1870	Last Saturday afternoon.
W. W. Rockwell	125	Pittsfield	37	Edward C. Reagan, New Lenox	Mar.	10,	1882	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
George E. Sayles	126	Adams	14	– – – –	June	12,	1870	Saturday afternoon.
T. L. Bonney	127	Hanson	9	John Scates	June	11,	1870	2d and 4th Saturdays.
Gen. J. Appleton	128	Ipswich	24	Chas. W. Bamford, 47 Washington Street	Jan.	17,	1882	Saturday afternoon.
W. H. Freeman	129	Blackstone	15	George L. Stevens	Apr.	25,	1883	– – –
James H. Sargent	130	West Medway	15	Elmer L. Videtto	Mar.	18,	1882	1st Thursday.
George H. Thomas	131	Leicester	14	Eugene H. Newton, West Auburn	June	21,	1870	2d Tuesday.
Charles Chipman	132	Sandwich	12	J. Frank Giles, South Sandwich	Feb.	24,	1882	2d Saturday afternoon.
George H. Maintien	133	Plainville	9	Granville Morse, Wrentham	May	23,	1882	3d Monday afternoon.
Robert A. Bell	134	Boston	20	E. A. Ditmus, 31 Cunard Street, Roxbury	June	29,	1870	1st and 3d Thursdays.
E. A. Andrews	135	Shrewsbury	3	Homer W. Loring	Dec.	30,	1873	1st Monday afternoon.
Isaac Davis	138	West Acton	26	George S. Towne	May	2,	1882	2d Wednesday.
Willard C. Kinsley	139	Somerville	64	Thomas F. Smith	Aug.	18,	1870	Monday.
H. V. Smith	140	Athol	14	C. V. Goddard, Box 74	Feb.	22,	1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
F. D. Hammond	141	South Chatham	12	– – – –	Mar.	15,	1882	Saturday before full moon.
C. L. Chandler	143	Brookline	25	Albert W. Bright, 4 Davis Avenue	Jan.	24,	1871	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Chas. W. Carroll	144	Dedham	15	J. E. Bronson, 44 Sanderson Avenue, East Dedham	May	22,	1871	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Wm. A. Streeter	145	Attleboro	37	Nathan H. Read	June	6,	1871	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Gen. Lawton	146	Lawrence	34	John A. Brackett	Apr.	6,	1904	Wednesday afternoon.
E. M. Stanton	147	Amherst	28	O. W. Prouty, 5 Jewett Street, Northampton	Oct.	31,	1882	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
A. D. Weld	148	Winchester	6	Henry Smalley	May	22,	1872	– – –
Maj. G. L. Stearns	149	Charlestown	12	P. H. Driscoll, 32 Pearl Street	Dec.	11,	1872	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
Major Boyd	151	West Newbury	7	John A. Bradley	Jan.	10,	1874	4th Saturday quarterly.
O. H. P. Sargent	152	Essex	6	– – – –	Jan.	22,	1883	1st and 3d Mondays.

Posts numerically arranged, with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc. — Concluded.

Name.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1923.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Date of Meeting.
Gilman C. Parker	153	Winchendon	11	Gustavus W. Jones, R. F. D.	Mar. 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Martha Sever	154	Kingston	10	A. E. Lincoln	May 24, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Marcus Keep	155	Monson	14	Edwin E. Rythe	May 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
James A. Perkins	156	Everett	29	Edwin F. Morrill	June 14, 1883	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
E. B. Piper	157	Walpole	7	F. A. Hartshorn	July 1, 1883	4th Monday.
John A. Hawes	159	East Boston	12	S. D. Snow	Sept. 7, 1883	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Alan Hamilton	160	West Brookfield	10	Samuel G. Irish	Sept. 18, 1883	1st Monday afternoon.
Woburn	161	Woburn	16	Edwin F. Wyer, 9 Warren Avenue	Jan. 23, 1884	3d Saturday afternoon.
Gen. J. G. Foster	163	Framingham	27	W. F. Brown	Mar. 25, 1884	4th of month.
F. A. Clary	164	Conway	7	George A. Hassell	Apr. 29, 1884	3d Wednesday.
Wm. Wadsworth	165	Duxbury	14	John W. Tower	May 19, 1884	1st Friday afternoon.
Rouse R. Clark	167	Whitinsville	9	Sidney L. Colby	June 18, 1884	2d and 4th Monday afternoons.
M. Ammidown	168	Southbridge	18	Geo. W. Corey	June 27, 1884	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
George R. Bird	169	Norwood	13	George W. Nead	July 21, 1884	Thursday.
John Rogers	170	Mansfield	19	Leander Wentworth	July 31, 1884	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Henry H. Johnson	171	Northfield	7	James R. Hamilton, Box 117, East Northfield	Aug. 5, 1884	3d Friday afternoon.
J. Arthur Johnson	173	Sturbridge	12	B. C. Bennett	Aug. 26, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Edwin E. Day	174	Greenfield	40	James A. Horton, 99 School Street	Aug. 29, 1884	1st Saturday afternoon.
Gen. H. C. Lee	176	Huntington	14	H. E. Stanton	Oct. 9, 1884	Saturday afternoon on or before full moon.
Samuel F. Woods	179	Barre	11	Benj. F. Brooks, 48 Sargent Avenue, Fitchburg	Dec. 11, 1884	1st Saturday.
Old Concord	180	Concord	15	George F. Wheeler	Dec. 20, 1884	2d Wednesday.
Galen Orr	181	Needham	4	Lyman Wilcox, 21 Oak Street	Jan. 16, 1915	2d Thursday.
C. M. Wheaton	182	Somerset	10	Wm. H. Seaver, Box 212, Fall River	Oct. 16, 1885	1st Wednesday.
Sergt. Plunkett	184	Ashburnham	6	J. W. Bride	Apr. 1, 1886	1st Saturday afternoon.
Ladd and Whitney	185	Lowell	60	Franklin S. Pevey, 68 Dover Street	Apr. 14, 1886	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Preston	188	Beverly Farms	7	– – – –	Apr. 28, 1887	Wednesday.
David Church	189	Marshfield Hills	16	James L. Rogers	Sept. 15, 1887	1st Wednesday afternoon.
R. A. Pierce	190	New Bedford	75	George A. Jenks	May 28, 1887	Saturday afternoon.
Gettysburg	191	Boston	37	Edward A. Hammond, 52 Chauncey Street	May 11, 1888	2d and 4th Fridays.
P. M. Whiting	192	North Attleborough	16	Stephen Stanley, Towne Street, North Attleborough	July 26, 1888	1st Saturday afternoon.

C. M. Packard	193	Avon	7	Ira W. McLaughlin	Sept. 25, 1888	1st Tuesday.
Veteran	194	Reading	23	Walter S. Parker, 55 Walnut Street	Mar. 7, 1889	2d Saturday afternoon.
Thos. A. Parker	195	E. Pepperell	10	Otis A. Merrill, R. F. D.	Mar. 20, 1889	1st Tuesday.
G. D. Anderson	196	Great Barrington	12	Herbert C. Joyner	Mar. 26, 1889	Saturday afternoon.
Berkshire	197	Pittsfield	15	A. L. Marshall, 1318 North Street	Apr. 18, 1889	2d Saturday afternoon.
Wm. B. Eaton	199	Revere	12	Horace Furbush	Jan. 10, 1890	Saturday.
Boston	200	Jamaica Plain	21	Charles A. S. Troup	June 5, 1890	1st and 3d Fridays.
E. B. Nye	203	Bourne	11	John J. Ryder	Aug. 1, 1890	1st Monday.
Theo. Parkman	204	Centerville	8	Thomas H. Soule, Jr., Hyannis	Oct. 15, 1890	1st and 3d Saturday evenings.
B. F. Jones	206	Falmouth	5	– – – –	Mar. 19, 1891	– – –
Thos. Gardner	207	Nantucket	6	Josiah F. Murphy, 19 Hussey Street	Aug. 28, 1891	2d and 4th Friday afternoons.
Gen. W. T. Sherman	208	Wareham	9	T. T. Hopkins	Sept. 25, 1891	2d and 4th Fridays.
E. P. Hopkins	209	Williamstown	15	W. R. Stocking	Dec. 10, 1891	2d Monday afternoon.
A. C. Monroe	212	East Bridgewater	4	Charles E. Allen	July 9, 1895	Tuesday.

Past National Officers (From Massachusetts).

Commanders-in-Chief.

Charles Devens, 1873–74 . . . . . Post 10, Worcester.
Died Jan. 7, 1891.

George S. Merrill, 1881 . . . . . Post 39, Lawrence.
Died Feb. 17, 1900.

John G. B. Adams, 1894 . . . . . Post 5, Lynn.
Died Oct. 19, 1900.

Wilmon W. Blackmar, 1905 . . . . . Post 113, Boston.
Died July 6, 1905.

John E. Gilman, 1910 . . . . . Post 26, Roxbury.
Died Feb. 20, 1921.

Senior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.

Richard F. Tobin, 1890 . . . . . Post 2, South Boston.
Died Nov. 22, 1890.

George H. Innis, 1891 . . . . . Post 2, South Boston.
Elected to fill vacancy caused by decease of Comrade Richard F. Tobin, Died Jan. 19, 1907.

William M. Olin, 1902 . . . . . Post 26, Roxbury.
Died April 15, 1911.

George A. Hosley, 1921 . . . . . Post 11, Boston.

Junior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.

Herbert E. Hill, 1878 . . . . . Post 139, Somerville.
Died April 8, 1892.

E. B. Stillings, 1905 . . . . . Post 113, Boston.
Died Dec. 30, 1917.

Chaplains-in-Chief.

Alonzo H. Quint, 1868–69 . . . . . Post 1, New Bedford.
Died Nov. 4, 1896.

Joseph F. Lovering, 1876–81 . . . . . Post 81, Watertown.
Died March 4, 1915.

Mark B. Taylor, 1896 . . . . . Post 94, Canton.
Died Dec. 3, 1919.

George E. Lovejoy, 1912 . . . . . Post 146, Lawrence.
Died Dec. 25, 1916.

Philip A. Nordell, 1918 . . . . . Post 143, Brookline.

Adjutants-General.

Cornelius G. Atwood, 1873 . . . . . Post 113, Boston.
Died Jan. 19, 1888.

Henry R. Sibley, 1873 . . . . . Post 11, Boston.

William M. Olin, 1881 . . . . . Post 26, Roxbury.
Died April 15, 1911.

James F. Meech, 1894 . . . . . Post 10, Worcester.
Died April 30, 1895.

John E. Gilman, 1904 . . . . . Post 26, Roxbury.
Died Feb. 20, 1921.

E. B. Stillings, 1910 . . . . . Post 113, Boston.
Died Dec. 30, 1917.

Quartermasters-General.

Cornelius G. Atwood, 1871–72 . . . . . Post 113, Boston.
Died Jan. 19, 1888.

A. B. R. Sprague, 1873–74 . . . . . Post 10, Worcester.
Died May 17, 1910.

Inspectors-General.

George S. Evans, 1888 . . . . . Post 30, Cambridge.
Died April 7, 1903.
George L. Goodale, 1892 . . . . . Post 66, Medford.
Died Jan. 30, 1911.
William M. Olin, 1895 . . . . . Post 26, Roxbury.
Died April 15, 1911.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, 1901 . . . . . Post 62, Newton.
J. Payson Bradley, 1912 . . . . . Post 2, South Boston.

Judge-Advocates General.

William Cogswell, 1878–79 . . . . . Post 34, Salem.
Died May 22, 1895.
Albert Clark, 1896 . . . . . Post 191, Boston.
Died 1911.
James H. Wolff, 1900 . . . . . Post 92, Brighton.
Died May 3, 1913.

Surgeons-General.

Samuel A. Greene, 1871–72 . . . . . Post 15, Boston.
Died 1918.
John W. Foye, 1875 . . . . . Post 15, Boston.
Died 1885.
Azel Ames, Jr., 1882–83 . . . . . Post 12, Wakefield.
Died 1908.
William H. Baker, 1899–1900 . . . . . Post 5, Lynn.

Chiefs-of-Staff.

Silas A. Barton, 1894 . . . . . Post 29, Waltham.
Died May 27, 1914.
J. Payson Bradley, 1911 . . . . . Post 2, Boston.
George A. Hosley, 1915–17–18–19–20–21–22–23 . . Post 11, Boston.

Roster of Past Department and Past Vice-Department Commanders.

	Commanders.	Post.	S. V.-Commanders.	Post.	J. V.-Commanders.	Post.
1866	*Austin S. Cushman, Prov. Com.	1				
1867	*Austin S. Cushman	1	*Arthur A. Goodell	10	*B. A. Bridges	6
1868	*A. B. R. Sprague	10	*Geo. H. Pierson	34	M. W. Burt	3
1869	*Francis A. Osborn	15	*Josiah Pickett	10	*H. C. Lee	16
1870	*James L. Bates	58	*H. M. Phillips	16	*W. O. Fiske	42
1871	*Wm. Cogswell	34	*Wm. Spaulding	11	*S. E. Chamberlain	30
1872	†H. R. Sibley	11	*W. S. B. Hopkins	120	*Gardner A. Churchill	68
1873	*A. B. Underwood	62	*John W. Kimball	19	*Lemuel Pope	135
1874	*John W. Kimball	19	C. H. Taylor	139	*John S. Fay	43
1875	*Geo. S. Merrill	39	C. Frank Luther	79	*J. P. Maxfield	42
1876	*Horace Binney Sargent	15	*J. L. Skinner	36	*Herbert E. Hill	139
1877	*Horace Binney Sargent	15	*Geo. S. Evans	30	*Geo. H. Patch	142
1878	*Horace Binney Sargent	15	*John G. B. Adams	5	*John A. Hawes	1
1879	*John G. B. Adams	5	*John A. Hawes	1	*S. B. Spooner	16
1880	*John A. Hawes	1	*T. H. Hill	33	*Benj. S. Lovell	58
1881	*Geo. W. Creasey	49	*Benj. S. Lovell	58	*R. B. Wight	63
1882	*Geo. H. Patch	142	*Wm. H. Hart	35	John D. Billings	94
1883	*Geo. S. Evans	30	John D. Billings	94	*W. A. Sloane	37
1884	John D. Billings	94	*John W. Hersey	16	*Richard F. Tobin	30
1885	*John W. Hersey	16	*Richard F. Tobin	2	*C. D. Nash	78
1886	*Richard F. Tobin	2	*Chas. D. Nash	78	*E. C. Whitney	68
1887	*Chas. D. Nash	78	*E. C. Whitney	68	*James Kittle	125
1888	*Myron P. Walker	97	*Geo. L. Goodale	66	*Geo. H. Innis	2
1889	*Geo. L. Goodale	66	*Geo. H. Innis	2	*Arthur A. Smith	20
1890	*Geo. H. Innis	2	*Arthur A. Smith	20	*James K. Churchill	10
1891	*Arthur A. Smith	20	*James K. Churchill	10	*Eli W. Hall	5
1892	*James K. Churchill	10	*Eli W. Hall	5	Wilfred A. Wetherbee	62
1893	*Eli W. Hall	5	Wilfred A. Wetherbee	62	*Joseph W. Thayer	35
1894	Wilfred A. Wetherbee	62	*Joseph W. Thayer	35	*Wm. P. Derby	16
1895	*Joseph W. Thayer	35	*Wm. P. Derby	16	*John M. Deane	46
1896	*Wm. P. Derby	16	*John M. Deane	46	*John E. Gilman	26
1897	*John M. Deane	46	*John E. Gilman	26	*Peter D. Smith	99
1898	*William H. Bartlett	10	Joseph F. Bartlett	162	George M. Fiske	62
1899	*John E. Gilman	26	*Peter D. Smith	99	*Silas A. Barton	29
1900	*Peter D. Smith	99	*Silas A. Barton	26	*W. W. Blackmar	113
1901	*Silas A. Barton	29	*W. W. Blackmar	113	*Dwight O. Judd	71
1902	*W. W. Blackmar	113	*Dwight O. Judd	71	*Lucius Field	64
1903	*Dwight O. Judd	71	*Lucius Field	64	*James H. Wolff	92
1904	*Lucius Field	64	*James H. Wolff	92	J. Payson Bradley	2
1905	*James H. Wolff	92	J. Payson Bradley	2	*D. H. L. Gleason	63
1906	J. Payson Bradley	2	*D. H. L. Gleason	63	*Alfred S. Roe	10
1907	*D. H. L. Gleason	63	*Alfred S. Roe	10	*John L. Parker	5
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1916	*Francis E. Mole	126	Daniel E. Denny	10	Edwin P. Stanley	67
1917	Daniel E. Denny	10	Edwin P. Stanley	67	Geo. W. Wilder	15
1918	Edwin P. Stanley	67	Geo. W. Wilder	15	Horace Goodwin	16
1919	Geo. W. Wilder	15	Horace Goodwin	16	Edwin F. Morrill	156
1920	Horace Goodwin	15	Edwin F. Morrill	156	Henry Clark	36
1921	Edwin F. Morrill	156	Henry Clark	36	George W. Pratt	72
1922	Henry Clark	36	George W. Pratt	72	Benjamin A. Ham	2
1923	George W. Pratt	72	Benjamin A. Ham	2	William L. Gage	87

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